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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
2 ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 BEGINS ON PAGE 77.]

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I ASK YOU ALL TO PLEASE
7 RISE. WE WILL BEGIN OUR SEPTEMBER 8TH MEETING WITH THE
8 INVOCATION LED BY THE REVEREND STEVE MAYS, CALVARY CHAPEL OF
9 THE SOUTH BAY IN GARDENA AND FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF
10 ALLEGIANCE WHICH WILL BE LED BY MR. ART LOPEZ, EXECUTIVE
11 COMMITTEE MEMBER DISTRICT 18 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION. REVEREND
12 MAYS?

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14 **REV. STEVEN MAYS:** I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS MOMENT TO THANK
15 CHAIRMAN DON KNABE AND ALL THE SUPERVISORS FOR THIS VERY
16 SPECIAL MOMENT. I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
17 THOMAS FOR HIS TIME, SUPPORT, AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO ME
18 PERSONALLY. HE'S BECOME A VERY DEAR FRIEND, ONE IN WHOM I CAN
19 TRUST. AND IT'S A GREAT HONOR TO STAND BEFORE YOU AND BE PART
20 OF YOUR LIVES TODAY. WE ARE LIVING IN DIFFICULT AND STRESSFUL
21 TIMES. WE HEAR THE CRIES AND FEARS OF SO MANY AROUND US. AND
22 THERE ARE MANY WHO ARE PULLING AND PUSHING EACH OF YOU TO DO
23 MORE. BUT THEY HAVE NO IDEA OF THE TIME NOR THE PERSONAL
24 SACRIFICE EACH OF YOU MAKE. AS A PASTOR OF A VERY LARGE CHURCH
25 IN GARDENA, I DO UNDERSTAND AND PERSONALLY WANT TO THANK EACH



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1 OF YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO THIS CALLING. MANY OF US ARE
2 PRAYING FOR YOU AND WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOU. LET'S PRAY.
3 GOD, YOU KNOW WHAT IS BEFORE THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TODAY.
4 WOULD YOU SHOW THEM THE RIGHT PATH TO TAKE? WOULD YOU HELP
5 THEM MAKE THOSE DIFFICULT DECISIONS THAT NO ONE ELSE IS
6 WILLING TO MAKE? FILL THEM WITH YOUR INSIGHT. GRANT THEM YOUR
7 INCREDIBLE WISDOM AND GUIDANCE. WOULD YOU HELP THEM MAKE THE
8 BEST DECISIONS FOR EACH OF THEIR DISTRICTS, AND WOULD YOU KEEP
9 THEM SAFE FROM ANY HARM. GOD, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THIS
10 GREAT NATION WHICH YOU FOUNDED UPON FREEDOM. WOULD YOU
11 INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF THE GREAT STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND
12 WOULD YOU BLESS AND SHOW YOUR GRACE ON THIS COUNTY AND ALL WHO
13 SERVE IT. WE KNOW THAT UNLESS YOU WATCH THE CITY AND KEEP HER
14 SAFE, OUR WORK AND LABOR IS IN VAIN. SO WE ASK FOR YOUR LIGHT
15 TO SHINE UPON DARKNESS, TO BRING YOUR PEACE UPON THIS CITY,
16 AND TO HONOR ALL THOSE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED AND
17 SACRIFICED TO MAKE THIS CITY WHAT IT IS TODAY. NOW WE COMMIT
18 THESE SUPERVISORS INTO YOUR HANDS. HELP THEM TO EXECUTE TRUE
19 JUSTICE THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTY. GRANT THEM A HEART OF
20 COMPASSION, A LIFE OF INTEGRITY; AND MOST OF ALL, YOUR
21 STRENGTH SO THEY MIGHT FULFILL THEIR DESTINY, IN YOUR NAME,
22 AMEN.
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1 **ART LOPEZ:** WOULD EVERYBODY PLEASE PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER
2 YOUR HEART FOR THE PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE AND REPEAT OVER ME.
3 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND
8 WE'RE DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE REVEREND STEVEN MAYS WITH US. YOU
9 LEARNED OF HIS TREMENDOUS WITNESS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
10 SERVING THE CALVARY CHAPEL LOCATED IN THE CITY OF GARDENA, BUT
11 IT IS THE ENTIRETY OF THE SOUTH BAY AND BEYOND TO WHICH THAT
12 CHURCH MINISTERS. IT IS TO BE APPRECIATED THAT HE ASSOCIATES
13 HIMSELF WITH A NUMBER OF VERY IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT
14 THE GREATER LOS ANGELES REGION AND ACROSS THE NATION, HAVING
15 BEEN INVITED TO THE WHITE HOUSE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS TO OFFER
16 APPROPRIATE INVOCATIONS AND TO BE A STALWART PARTICIPANT IN
17 THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER. ASSOCIATED WITH THE AZUSA PACIFIC
18 COLLEGE, AN INSTRUCTOR, THAT CONTEXT, AND CERTAINLY HAVING AN
19 EXTENSION CAMPUS WHERE HE PROVIDES INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT FOR
20 ASPIRING STUDENTS, HE'S DOING A TREMENDOUS WORK THROUGH THE
21 MINISTRY OF CALVARY CHAPEL. NOW, IN HIS 30TH YEAR THERE. AND
22 SO WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK
23 THAT YOU HAVE DONE OVER THE PAST QUARTER OF A CENTURY PLUS,
24 THE WORK THAT YOU CONTINUE TO DO; AND WE SEE YOU AS A BLESSING
25 TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND TRUST THAT WE WILL



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1 COLLABORATE IN ALL THINGS THAT ARE GOOD FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE
2 PEOPLE, NOT SIMPLY OF THE SECOND DISTRICT, BUT THE ENTIRETY OF
3 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR INVOCATION
4 TODAY. [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **REV. STEVEN MAYS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IT IS MY HONOR TO GIVE THIS PLAQUE
9 OF APPRECIATION TO ART LOPEZ WHO HONORED US THIS MORNING. IT'S
10 NOT ON? THERE IT IS. OKAY. MR. ART LOPEZ, WHO LED US THIS
11 MORNING IN OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. MR. LOPEZ RESIDES IN EL
12 MONTE AND IS WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION DISTRICT NUMBER 18. HE
13 SERVED AS A SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER WITH THE UNITED STATES
14 NAVY FROM 1958 TO 1994. HIS DECORATIONS INCLUDE A NAVY AND
15 MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, A GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, A
16 NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, A VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL, AND
17 IRAQ CAMPAIGN MEDAL. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE
18 TO YOU AND APPLAUD YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. THANK
19 YOU, SIR. CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE WILL PROCEED WITH THE AGENDA,
22 PLEASE.

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING MR. CHAIRMAN-- EXCUSE ME. GOOD
25 AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN



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1 AGENDA ON PAGE 3. AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
2 DIRECTORS OF THE SANITATION DISTRICTS, ON ITEMS S.D.-1 AND
3 S.D.-2. ON ITEM S.D.-1, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF
4 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. S.D.-2 IS BEFORE YOU.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, CHAIR WILL MOVE IT,
7 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
8 ORDERED.

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
11 COMMISSION. 1-D AND 2-D.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SECONDED BY
14 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
17 AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H THROUGH 4-H.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CHAIR WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY
20 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK
23 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
2 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 14.
5 ON ITEM NO. 5 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE
6 SPECIAL FEE-- THE SPECIAL EVENT FEE SHOULD BE \$2,150 INSTEAD
7 OF \$2,510. ON ITEM NO. 8, ALTHOUGH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
8 REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER
9 15TH, 2009 ON THE POSTED AGENDA, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY
10 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO DECEMBER 22ND, 2009.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
18 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
19 ORDERED.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 12, CONSENT CALENDAR,
22 ITEMS 15 THROUGH 54. ON ITEM NO. 15, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
23 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.



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CLERK SACHI HAMAI: ON ITEM NO. 17, AS INDICATED ON THE
SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT
RECOMMENDATION NO. 4 OF THE BOARD LETTER TO ESTABLISH CAPITAL
PROJECT NO. 87066 AND AN INITIAL PROJECT BUDGET OF \$200,000
FOR THE FAR EAST BANK BUILDING DEMOLITION PROJECT BE CONTINUED
THREE WEEKS TO SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2009. THE REMAINING PORTION OF
THAT RECOMMENDATION WILL BE BEFORE YOU. ON ITEM NO. 21, COUNTY
COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO
SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2009.

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SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: SO ORDERED.

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CLERK SACHI HAMAI: ON ITEM NO. 31, EXCUSE ME, THERE IS A
REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: 31?

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CLERK SACHI HAMAI: YES. ON ITEM NO. 33, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: SO ORDERED.

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CLERK SACHI HAMAI: ON ITEM NO. 35, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY
REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 36, SUPERVISOR

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1 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM
2 BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 43, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT
3 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2009.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 45, SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS
8 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 46, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT
13 THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO SEPTEMBER
14 29TH, 2009. THE SETTLEMENT WILL BE BEFORE YOUR BOARD TODAY.
15 THE REMAINING ITEMS BEFORE THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE BEFORE YOU.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AS CLARIFIED THREE DIFFERENT ITEMS,
18 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, THE CHAIR WILL SECOND,
19 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 27, ORDINANCES FOR
22 INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 55 THROUGH 57 AND I'LL READ THE SHORT
23 TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. ON ITEM NO. 55, THIS IS THE ORDINANCE
24 AMENDING TITLE 5, PERSONNEL OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RELATING



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1 TO CHAPTER 5.19, PENSION SAVINGS PLAN AND CHAPTER 5.25,
2 DEFERRED COMPENSATION AND THRIFT HORIZON PLAN.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY
5 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 56, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
8 TITLE 6, SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO
9 THE ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND/OR CHANGING OF CERTAIN
10 CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN THREE
11 DEPARTMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE FINDINGS OF THE COUNTYWIDE
12 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OCCUPATIONAL STUDY AND PROPOSE
13 REORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
14 ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BUREAU.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY, THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY
17 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 57, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE
20 AMENDING TITLE 6 SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE,
21 RELATING TO THE ADDITION DELETION AND/OR CHANGING OF CERTAIN
22 CLASSIFICATIONS THE NUMBER OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN VARIOUS
23 DEPARTMENTS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND TO IMPLEMENT THE
24 FINDINGS OF THE CLASSIFICATION STUDIES.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. THE
2 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 58 AND 59 AND I'LL
5 READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. ON ITEM NO. 55--
6 EXCUSE ME, 58-- THIS IS THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S
7 RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE
8 AND SALE OF THE EL MONTE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL
9 OBLIGATION BONDS ELECTION 2008 SERIES A, IN AGGREGATE
10 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28 MILLION.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. THE CHAIR
13 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 59, THIS IS THE TREASURER AND
16 TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
17 THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE WHITTIER UNION HIGH SCHOOL
18 DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS 2008, ELECTION SERIES 2009
19 A, IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40 MILLION.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY
22 MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEM, ITEM NO. 60 AS INDICATED
25 ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS



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1 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO SEPTEMBER 29TH,
2 2009.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH
7 WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS
8 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENT AGENDA, ITEM 61-A

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY
11 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 61-B.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CHAIR WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY
16 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 31, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. ON
19 ITEM SC.S.-3 AND C.S.-4 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS
20 THAT THESE ITEMS BE TAKEN OFF CALENDAR AS INDICATED ON THE
21 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** C.S.-3 AND 4 WILL BE OFF AGENDA. SO
24 ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.
2 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL
3 DISTRICT NO. 5.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE HAVE A COUPLE OF PRESENTATIONS.
6 IS THE CHIEF HERE YET?

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES, HE'S HERE. SITTING IN THE AUDIENCE
9 RIGHT HERE.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE'VE ASKED THE FIRE
12 DEPARTMENT TO COME OVER AT THE FRONT END OF THE MEETING SO
13 THEY CAN GET BACK TO THEIR BUSINESS TO GIVE US A BRIEF UPDATE
14 ON WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE FIRES. I THINK WE ALL PERSONALLY
15 SAY A HEARTY THANK YOU, CHIEF, TO YOU AND TO OUR INCREDIBLE
16 COUNTY FIRE TEAM AS WELL AS THE FORESTER AND ALL THE OTHER
17 DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE HELPING US. IT'S BEEN TOUGH. CONTINUES TO
18 BE TOUGH. BUT I'LL CERTAINLY APPRECIATE ALL THE EXTRA EFFORT
19 AND HEROICS AND OBVIOUSLY THE TRAGEDY OF LOSING A COUPLE OF
20 FELLOW FIREFIGHTERS. SO WE THANK YOU. MAKE YOUR REPORT SO YOU
21 CAN GET BACK TO FIGHTING FIRES.

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23 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, FIRE CHIEF:** THANK YOU, HONORABLE CHAIR.
24 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. AGAIN, ON BEHALF OF THE FAMILIES OF THE
25 FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS, THEY CERTAINLY EXTEND THEIR APPRECIATION



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1 TO EACH OF YOU AND EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY THAT HAS REACHED
2 OUT TO THEM. THE FIRE CURRENTLY I JUST RECEIVED SOME FAIRLY
3 GOOD NEWS. AND WE HAVE TO COUCH ALL THE NEWS FROM THE FIRE
4 WITHIN THE REALIZATION THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH MOTHER NATURE
5 AND ALSO THE WEATHER. CURRENTLY THEY'RE ADVISING THAT THE
6 WINDS ARE COMING OUT OF THE EAST, WHICH IS WORKING TO OUR
7 FAVOR, TO THE FAVOR OF THE FIREFIGHTERS THAT ARE TRYING TO GO
8 DIRECT AS WE SAY TO FIGHT THE FIRE IN A DIRECT FASHION. AND
9 CURRENTLY THE FIRE IS WELL INTO THE FOREST. IT'S IN THE
10 VICINITY OF MOUNT WINSTON, NOT WILSON, BUT WINSTON. AND THE
11 BEST WAY TO DESCRIBE THIS, IT'S ABOUT SEVEN MILES SOUTH OF THE
12 COMMUNITIES OF LITTLE ROCK, PEARBLOSSOM AND JUNIPER HILLS IN
13 ANTELOPE VALLEY. SO IF WE'RE STANDING ON THE FLOOR OF THE
14 ANTELOPE VALLEY LOOKING TO THE SOUTH UP INTO THE ANGELES
15 FOREST, THE FIRE IS ABOUT SEVEN MILES INTO THE FOREST FROM
16 THOSE COMMUNITIES. I WANT TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR THOSE
17 COMMUNITIES ARE NOT IN DIRECT THREAT AT THIS TIME. AND GIVEN
18 THE DIRECTION OF THE WIND AND SLIGHTLY LOWER TEMPERATURES, THE
19 WIND IS ACTUALLY PUSHING AGAINST THE FIRE, WHICH IS A
20 FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT. THE FIRE HAS BEEN CONTAINED UP TO ABOUT
21 60 PERCENT CONTAINMENT, RECOGNIZING THAT THE FIRE COVERS 250
22 SQUARE MILES. THE PERIMETER OF THAT FIRE IS IN EXCESS OF 300
23 MILES. AND OF COURSE IN ORDER TO GET CONTAINMENT, THERE HAS TO
24 BE A LINE PUT AROUND THE FIRE COMPLETELY. WORK CONTINUES ON
25 THE FIRE. THE FIREFIGHTERS AND THE CREWS CONTINUE TO WORK. THE



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1 AIRCRAFT IS BEING DEPLOYED AS APPROPRIATELY. THE FIRE HAS BEEN
2 CONTAINED AGAIN FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY SIDE OF THE FIRE, IF
3 WE GO TO THE SOUTHWEST, MOVING FROM THE PALMDALE AREA ALONG
4 THE FOOTHILLS GOING ALL THE WAY BACK TO SANTA CLARITA, AROUND
5 THE CURVE BACK THROUGH LITTLE AND BIG TUJUNGA. ALL OF THE
6 COMMUNITIES OF TUJUNGA, SUNLAND, GLENDALE, LA CRESCENTA, LA
7 CANADA, FLINTRIDGE, ALTADENA, PASADENA, SOLEDAD CANYON, AND
8 ACTON ON THE OTHER SIDE. ALL OF THAT IS TIED IN AND THAT'S
9 VERY LOOKING VERY FAVORABLE. THE FIRE AND THE SMOKE-- REALLY
10 THE SMOKE THAT'S VISIBLE RIGHT NOW, AS I SAID, IS WELL BACK
11 INTO THE FOREST. THE COMMAND POST HAS BEEN MOVED FROM THE
12 HANSON DAM AREA NEAR PACOIMA TO THE SANTA FE DAM NEAR THE 605
13 AND THE 210 FREEWAY, WHICH IS MORE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE
14 FIRE AREA AT THIS POINT. THE CONTAINMENT DATE ON THE FIRE
15 RIGHT NOW IS PROJECTED TO BE SEPTEMBER THE 15TH. AGAIN, THAT'S
16 DEPENDENT UPON WEATHER AND OTHER CONDITIONS. OTHER THAN THE
17 LOSS OF THE TWO FIREFIGHTERS WHO WERE INVOLVED WITH ABOUT 65
18 OTHER L.A. COUNTY CREW MEMBERS AND INMATE CREWS TRYING TO
19 PROTECT FIRE CAMP 16, OTHER THAN THOSE TWO TRAGEDIES, THE FIRE
20 HAS BEEN VERY SAFELY HANDLED. THE INJURIES THAT HAVE OCCURRED
21 HAVE BEEN OF A MINOR NATURE. AND WE'RE APPRECIATIVE OF THAT.
22 BUT AS THE FIREFIGHTERS CONTINUE TO WORK AND BECOME FATIGUED,
23 EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE A WORK/REST CYCLE, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT
24 INCIDENT COMMAND IS VERY, VERY DILIGENT ABOUT. AT THE HEIGHT
25 OF THE FIRE, ABOUT 440 L.A. COUNTY FIRE PERSONNEL WERE



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1 INVOLVED. AT THIS POINT, SOME OF THOSE HAVE BEEN DEMOBILIZED
2 AND HAVE LEFT THE FIRE. SO WE'VE GOT ABOUT 200 PERSONNEL FROM
3 L.A. COUNTY FIRE CONTINUING TO WORK THE INCIDENT. THERE HAVE
4 BEEN A LOT OF LESSONS LEARNED FROM THIS. MANY OF THEM
5 REINFORCE WHAT WE HAVE FOUND TO BE EFFECTIVE IN THE PAST.
6 THERE'S BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE FEDERAL,
7 STATE AND LOCAL RESPONDERS. THE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM HAS
8 WORKED WELL. THERE'S BEEN SUFFICIENT AIRCRAFT MADE AVAILABLE
9 AND USED ON THE FIRE SAFELY. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, THERE ARE
10 SOME CONCERNS. THE NUMBER ONE IS THE PREPARATION FOR THE
11 COMING RAINS. ALL OF THAT AREA IN THE FOOTHILLS AND HILLSIDES
12 THAT HAVE BEEN BURNED AWAY, THAT'S GOING TO BE A MAJOR
13 CONCERN. WE'RE ALREADY WORKING WITH THE FOREST SERVICE, THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES THAT
15 ARE POTENTIALLY AFFECTED TO TRY TO PREPARE AS BEST WE CAN.
16 MOUNT WILSON, I WILL BE COMMUNICATING TO YOUR BOARD IN THE
17 NEAR FUTURE, BUT BASED UPON OUR ASSESSMENT OF MOUNT WILSON,
18 SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE TO HARDEN THAT AREA. THOSE ARE
19 CRITICAL COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATIONS, AND IT'S SITUATED ON A
20 RIDGE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FOREST. I'VE HAD SOME
21 PREVIOUS CONVERSATION WITH THE FOREST SERVICE, AGAIN AT THE
22 LOCAL LEVEL. THIS IS GOING TO REQUIRE SUPPORT, I BELIEVE, FROM
23 YOUR BOARD, FROM U.S. CONGRESS AND OTHERS, BUT THAT IS
24 SOMETHING THAT I WILL BE RECOMMENDING TO YOUR BOARD WITH SOME
25 SPECIFICS WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS TO TRY TO BETTER



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1 PROTECT THAT AREA. BECAUSE IT'S NOT ADVISABLE TO DEPEND UPON
2 FIREFIGHTERS AND THEIR CAPABILITIES, WHICH ARE VERY LIMITED AT
3 THAT ALTITUDE AND THAT RESTRICTED AREA. WE'RE ALSO GOING TO
4 RE-EMPHASIZE, AND WORKING WITH THE L.A. SHERIFF DEPARTMENT,
5 ONCE WE WERE ABLE TO GET SYNCHRONIZED, THE EVACUATIONS WERE
6 VERY WELL-RUN AND VERY WELL-COMMUNICATED. IN THE EARLY STAGES
7 OF THE FIRE, BECAUSE IT WAS BEING OPERATED BY AN INCIDENT
8 MANAGEMENT TEAM, ESSENTIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOREST, THERE
9 WAS SOME MISCOMMUNICATION IN THE EARLY PHASES. AND TALKING
10 WITH THE SHERIFF AND SO FORTH, WE HAVE WORKED THIS VERY
11 EFFECTIVELY IN THE PAST AND WE'VE WORKED WITH THE FOREST
12 SERVICE FOR THE FUTURE AND WE WILL ELIMINATE THAT CONFUSION IN
13 THE NEAR FUTURE. SO, ANYWAY, THAT IS OUR UPDATE AT THIS TIME.
14 WE ARE WORKING AGAINST MOTHER NATURE OUT THERE. AND WE'LL
15 CONTINUE TO KEEP YOU POSTED. BUT THE INFORMATION, WHILE WE
16 CAN'T CELEBRATE TOO MUCH, BUT THE INFORMATION SO FAR IS
17 FAVORABLE AS IT LOOKS AT THIS MOMENT. PREPARATIONS ARE BEING
18 MADE FOR THE MEMORIAL FOR THE FIREFIGHTERS, WHICH IS
19 SCHEDULED, AS YOU KNOW, FOR THE SATURDAY THE 12TH AT 10 A.M.
20 AT DODGERS STADIUM.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WELL, WE JUST AGAIN WANT TO
23 THANK YOU AND THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY TEAM AND EVERYONE ELSE
24 THAT'S WORKING SO HARD AND DILIGENTLY. WE KNOW IT'S TOUGH.
25 IT'S ALWAYS TOUGH AGAINST MOTHER NATURE, BUT PARTICULARLY THE



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1 SIZE AND SCOPE OF THIS FIRE. AGAIN, OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS
2 ARE WITH THE FAMILIES AND FELLOW FIREFIGHTERS. ONE QUESTION:
3 WHAT HAPPENED? THE FLARE UP LAST NIGHT BY SANTA CLARITA UP
4 THERE OFF THE 5 IS THAT ALL CONTAINED?

5

6 **CHIEF FREEMAN:** YES, IT IS. IT IS CONTAINED. AND IN SOME CASES,
7 THEY MAY BE DOING A FIRING OPERATION HERE AND THERE THAT'S ALL
8 BASED ON WEATHER AND CONDITIONS. BUT BECAUSE OF THE STEEP
9 TERRAIN, SOMETIMES THAT'S THE BEST WAY TO CLEAN UP THE LINE TO
10 BE SURE. SO THAT HAS ALL BEEN CONTAINED. AND THE MAIN ACTIVITY
11 OF THE FIRES, AS I DESCRIBED UP IN THE SAN GABRIEL WILDERNESS
12 AREA.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE APPRECIATE YOU
15 COMING DOWN.

16

17 **CHIEF FREEMAN:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE ARE GOING TO PROCEED AND THANKS
20 AGAIN, CHIEF, WITH PRESENTATIONS. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
21 SUPERVISOR MOLINA I BELIEVE HAVE A JOINT PRESENTATION.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS MORNING WE WANT TO HONOR A CORPORATION OR
24 BUSINESS THAT'S IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT MOST OF US HAVE BEEN
25 VERY-- HAVE BENEFITED TREMENDOUSLY AND THAT IS MOST OF THE



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1 EDUCATIONAL SCHOOLS IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND THAT IS SUPERIOR
2 GROCERIES, WHICH HAS SUPERIOR FOUNDATION. THEY HAVE MADE
3 GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS AND HAVE HAD A VERY POSITIVE IMPACT ON
4 SCHOOLS, CERTAINLY IN MY DISTRICT AS WELL IN SUPERVISOR MARK
5 RIDLEY'S DISTRICT, AS WELL. JOINING US AT THIS TIME IS MIMI
6 SONG WHO IS THE PRESIDENT/C.E.O. OF SUPERIOR GROCERS AS WELL
7 PHI PANEDO [PH?] AND VALERIE BAILEY, DIRECTORS OF THE STORE'S
8 OPERATION. OVER THE PAST 12 YEARS, A GREAT NUMBER OF SCHOOLS
9 IN THE FIRST DISTRICT HAVE BENEFITED FROM THE GENEROSITY OF
10 SUPERIOR FOUNDATION. SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS WILL NOW
11 SHARE SOME OF THE DETAILS OF SOME OF THE VERY WORTHY EFFORTS
12 THAT THIS ORGANIZATION, THIS FOUNDATION HAS MADE TO OUR
13 RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES.

14
15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND
16 COLLEAGUES. SUPERIOR GROCERS DEVELOPED A NONPROFIT
17 ORGANIZATION, SUPERIOR FOUNDATION, IN 1995. THEY BEGAN AN
18 ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT FUND-RAISER IN 1998, COLLECTING OVER
19 \$\$1.7 MILLION IN PROCEEDS, WHICH THEY BEGAN DISTRIBUTING TO
20 LOCAL SCHOOLS AND YOUTH PROGRAMS IN THE COMMUNITIES THAT THEY
21 SERVE. SUPERIOR FOUNDATION HAS CONTRIBUTED TO APPROXIMATELY
22 171 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOLS OVER THE PAST 12 YEARS. AND WE
23 ARE DELIGHTED THAT THEY HAVE DONE SO BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT
24 CORPORATE INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITIES MAKE FOR BETTER
25 OUTCOMES FOR OUR YOUTH. IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING FUNDS TO L.A.



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1 COUNTY SCHOOLS, THE SUPERIOR FOUNDATION HAS LENT ITS SUPPORT
2 TO MANY COLLEGE-BOUND EFFORTS, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH WOULD BE
3 THE UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND, AMONG OTHER VERY IMPORTANT
4 ORGANIZATIONS. SO IT'S WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I JOIN
5 SUPERVISOR MOLINA TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO THE SUPERIOR
6 FOUNDATION FOR THEIR STRONG RECORD OF COMMUNITY SERVICE, WHICH
7 EMPHASIZES COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITIES' VITALITY AND ITS
8 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM. AND SO WE WANT TO THANK THE
9 REPRESENTATIVES FROM SUPERIOR FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND THEIR
10 CONTRIBUTION AND CONTRIBUTING BOTH IN TERMS OF
11 ENTREPRENEURSHIP BUT, AS WELL, PHILANTHROPY TO THE COMMUNITIES
12 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH WOULD BE THE
13 FIRST AND SECOND DISTRICT. SO WE THANK THEM VERY MUCH.
14 [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS SAID WE'VE BEEN WORKING
17 ON THIS PROJECT FOR THE LAST 12 YEARS THROUGH OUR GOLF
18 TOURNAMENTS. AND IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO
19 DONATE BACK TO THE COMMUNITIES AND BACK TO THE SCHOOLS IN OUR
20 IMMEDIATE AREAS ABOUT \$1.8 MILLION. AND OUR COMPANY, SUPERIOR
21 GROCERS, WAS FOUNDED ON WHERE WE SAID "OUR COMPANY IS NOT
22 SUCCESSFUL UNLESS WE'RE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE BACK TO THE
23 COMMUNITIES IN WHICH WE SERVE." AND THAT IS REALLY, REALLY
24 IMPORTANT. WE CAN GO BACK AND WITH MIMI AND ALL OUR TEAM AT
25 THE CORPORATE OFFICE, WE REALLY, REALLY GET MOTIVATED EVERY



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1 TIME, EVERY YEAR ABOUT JUNE TO HAVE OUR GOLF TOURNAMENT SO WE
2 CAN INVITE THE SCHOOLS DOWN AND HAND OVER ABOUT ALMOST
3 \$300,000 EACH YEAR NOW. WE'RE HOPING TO GROW THAT NUMBER EVERY
4 YEAR. IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES IT'S JUST A BLESSING FOR US TO
5 BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE IN THIS WAY. THANK YOU FOR HAVING US
6 HERE TODAY. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MIMI FOR ALL THE ONGOING
9 WORK. WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU AND SUPERIOR GROCERS DO FOR ALL OF
10 US. AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO CALL UP STEVEN PECK,
11 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR OF THE U.S. VETS. THIS IS NOT
12 HIS FIRST TIME HERE. HE IS A FORMER MARINE CORPS LIEUTENANT,
13 VIETNAM VETERAN AND BRONZE STAR RECIPIENT. HE HAS DEDICATED
14 HIS LIFE TO SERVING VETERANS. STEVE? COULD WE SORT OF MAYBE
15 KEEP IT DOWN TO THE LEFT HERE? THROUGH STEVE'S LEADERSHIP,
16 U.S. VETS HAS BECOME THE LARGEST NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION IN THE
17 COUNTRY, DEDICATED TO HELPING THE HOMELESS AND AT-RISK
18 VETERANS AND A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED LEADER IN THE FIELD OF
19 SERVICE DELIVERY TO VETERANS. ITS BASE OF OPERATIONS IS IN THE
20 CITY OF LONG BEACH AT THE VILLAGES OF CABRILLO. STEVE
21 REPRESENTS THE SPIRIT OF PATRIOTISM, SERVICE AND LOYALTY TO
22 THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO PROTECT OUR NATION AND WHO HAVE
23 PROTECTED OUR NATION. TODAY WE ARE PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 11TH,
24 2009, AS THE NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE. ON
25 SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001, AS WE ALL KNOW, AMERICANS UNITED TO



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1 REMEMBER THOSE THAT DIED FROM THE DESPICABLE TERRORIST ATTACKS
2 AND DECLARED WAR ON GLOBAL TERRORISM. ON THIS DAY, WE
3 RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ALL AMERICANS, ALLIES AND FRIENDS, WHO
4 SEEK AN END TO TERRORISM AND WORK FOR PEACE. SEPTEMBER 11TH
5 WILL BE A DAY TO RECREATE THAT SPIRIT OF UNITY, COMPASSION AND
6 SELFLESSNESS DEMONSTRATED IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE 2001
7 ATTACKS. WE REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO THE OBLIGATIONS OF
8 CITIZENSHIP AND SUPPORTING THE GALLANT MEMBERS OF OUR ARMED
9 FORCES, AMERICA'S FIRST RESPONDERS, AND THOSE THAT CONTINUE TO
10 SERVE THE NATION IN OTHER WAYS BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD. SO ON
11 BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES AND THE BOARD, WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT
12 THIS SCROLL TO STEVE, RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2009, AS THE
13 NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE AND URGE ALL OF OUR
14 COUNTY RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN CEREMONIES HONORING THOSE
15 IN UNIFORMS, PROTECTING OUR FREEDOM AND TO VOLUNTARILY GIVE
16 THEIR TIME TO HELP OTHERS IN NEED. AND THAT'S ALL THE WRITTEN
17 PIECE OF THIS. BUT ON A PERSONAL NOTE, I'VE HAD THE
18 OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH U.S. VETS ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS AND
19 IN NUMEROUS CAPACITIES. AND WHAT THEY DO DOWN THERE IS AN
20 INCREDIBLE RESPECT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED OUR NATION. AND
21 THERE'S A LOT OF HURTING VETERANS THERE THROUGHOUT OUR GREAT
22 COUNTY, AND U.S. VETS JUST DOES A MARVELOUS JOB DOWN ON LONG
23 BEACH. STEVE, AS WE RECOGNIZE THIS NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND
24 REMEMBRANCE, WE ALSO WANT TO CONTINUE TO THANK YOU AND U.S.
25 VETS FOR ALL YOU DO ON BEHALF OF OUR VETERANS. [APPLAUSE.]



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STEVE PECK: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. SUPERVISOR KNABE REALLY HAS BEEN A SPECIAL FRIEND TO US. PARTIALLY IN THANKS FOR ALL THAT HELP THAT HE HAS GIVEN US, ON NOVEMBER 6TH, WE'RE HAVING A LUNCHEON, WE'RE HONORING THOSE WHO AND HONORING SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR ALL THE WORK HE'S DONE. WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS WORK FOR 16 YEARS. WE FEEL A SPECIAL URGENCY. 18 VETERANS EVERY DAY ARE COMMITTING SUICIDE IN THIS COUNTRY. SO WE NEED TO REACH OUT TO THE YOUNG VETERANS FROM IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN, PROVIDE THEM THE HOUSING, THE JOB SERVICES, GET THEM BACK INTO HIGHER EDUCATION SO THAT THEY CAN REJOIN SOCIETY. WE'RE ALSO REACHING OUT TO FEMALE VETERANS, MORE OF THEM THAN EVER BEFORE ARE SERVING. AND OUR PROGRAM DOWN IN LONG BEACH IS A MODEL NATIONWIDE. SO WE APPRECIATE THIS RECOGNITION AND THE RECOGNITION IT BRINGS TO THE VETERANS THAT WE SERVE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

17

SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: OKAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU'RE UP FIRST.

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SUP. MOLINA: I'M UP FIRST? ALL RIGHT. I THINK I HELD ITEM NO. 45. AND THIS IS A SETTLEMENT. AND I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE SETTLEMENT ON THIS, BUT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE CORRECTIVE ACTION. SO I HAVE A MOTION THAT I'D LIKE TO PUT IN WITH REGARD TO THIS. "IN THE PAST YEAR, THIS BOARD HAS SETTLED SEVERAL



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1 DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY FOR
2 SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH. THE COUNTY WAS SUED FOR
3 VIOLATING THE STATE FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING ACT AND THE
4 FEDERAL AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. THE PROBATION
5 DEPARTMENT HAS DEVELOPED ONE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS
6 THE DEFICIENCIES IN THEIR RETURN TO WORK UNIT AND REGARDING
7 COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIRED INTERACTIVE PROCESS. TO DATE, WE
8 HAVE NOT EVALUATED WHETHER THIS PLAN TRULY ADDRESSES THE
9 DEFICIENCIES IN THE DEPARTMENT THAT HAVE RESULTED IN THESE
10 CLAIMS BEING FILED AND THE COUNTY HAVING LIABILITY AND WE HAVE
11 NOT EVALUATED WHETHER THIS PLAN SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED TO OTHER
12 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. I THEREFORE MOVE THE C.E.O., RISK MANAGER
13 DO THE FOLLOWING REPORT AND BRING IT BACK TO THE BOARD WITHIN
14 30 DAYS: EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROBATION
15 DEPARTMENT'S EXISTING RETURN TO WORK EFFORT INCLUDING THE
16 CHANGES PROPOSED IN THIS CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN. THE REVIEW
17 SHOULD INCLUDE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE EXISTING DEPARTMENTAL
18 RIGHT TO WORK PROCESSES, STAFFING, QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING
19 AND A REVIEW OF THE 10 PERCENT OF THE EXISTENT INVENTORY TO
20 OPEN RIGHT TO WORK CASES TO EVALUATE IF THE CURRENT CASELOAD
21 IS BEING MANAGED IN ACCORDANCE TO THE CURRENT STANDARDS.
22 SECONDLY, TO PROVIDE AN INVENTORY OF THE OPEN RIGHT TO WORK
23 CASES WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE IF THEY HAVE
24 COMPLIED WITH THIS CORRECTIVE ACTION AND ALL THE FEDERAL AND
25 STATE REQUIREMENTS AND TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO BECOME



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1 COMPLIANT, DEVELOP AN AUDIT ASSESSMENT PROCESS BASED ON THIS
2 REVIEW THE C.E.O., THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AND THE DEPARTMENT
3 OF HUMAN RESOURCES CAN CONDUCT SIMILAR EXERCISES WITH THE
4 OTHER DEPARTMENTS AS NEEDED TO PROVIDE A PROACTIVE STRATEGY IN
5 ADDRESSING THE INCREASE IN DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION CLAIMS IN
6 ALL OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS." SO I ADD THIS TO THIS CLAIM
7 SETTLEMENT. THAT THEY DO THIS REPORT. BUT I MEAN THAT WE
8 APPROVE THIS, BUT ALSO WE GET THIS REPORT. [INAUDIBLE]

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THE OTHER ITEM THAT I HAVE-- AND MAYBE
15 I CAN DO-- DO YOU HAVE IT? OH, I DO HAVE IT HERE. I HAVE A
16 MOTION. AND AS I GO THROUGH IT, I HOPE YOU'LL UNDERSTAND THE
17 URGENCY OF THIS THAT I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE. "WE HAVE VERY
18 RECENTLY LEARNED THAT DEVELOPERS OF THE PROPOSED FOOTBALL
19 STADIUM AND ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX IN THE CITY OF INDUSTRY MAY
20 SEEK A CHANGE IN STATE LAW THAT WOULD EXEMPT THE PLANNING,
21 CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE FACILITY FROM THE CALIFORNIA
22 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. WE'VE BEEN ADVISED TODAY BY THE
23 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER THAT IF THE LEGISLATION IS INTRODUCED,
24 IT MUST BE PASSED BY THIS FRIDAY SEPTEMBER THE 11TH. WHILE
25 THERE ARE MANY REASONS TO SUPPORT THE STADIUM IN LOS ANGELES



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1 COUNTY, THERE ARE JUST AS MANY REASONS TO ENSURE THAT THE
2 PROJECT COMPLIES WITH THE SAME ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS THAT
3 GOVERN VIRTUALLY ALL PROJECTS IN CALIFORNIA. HOSPITALS, POLICE
4 STATIONS, FREEWAYS AND ALL SORTS OF VALUABLE PROJECTS MANAGED
5 TO BE BUILT WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF C.E.Q.A. EXEMPTIONS.
6 C.E.Q.A., ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE IN 1970, IS A PRIMARY
7 STATE LAW THAT EXISTS BOTH TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT
8 SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF PROPOSED PROJECTS AND TO
9 IDENTIFY WAYS THAT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS CAN BE MITIGATED ONCE
10 IDENTIFIED. THE LEGISLATURE HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN VERY
11 RELUCTANT TO GRANT ANY PROJECT AN EXEMPTION. IF SUCH AN
12 EXEMPTION WERE WARRANTED, IT SHOULD HAVE THE BENEFIT OF A
13 THOROUGH PUBLIC REVIEW AND ANALYSIS. CLEARLY SUCH A TOUGH
14 STANDARD CANNOT BE ACHIEVED IN THE WANING FEW DAYS OF THE
15 LEGISLATIVE SESSION. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS FIND THAT THIS MOTION IS URGENT IN THAT
17 INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS MATTER WAS RECEIVED AFTER THE
18 POSTING OF THE SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2009 AGENDA, AND THAT ACTION IS
19 REQUIRED AND PRIOR TO THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD
20 MEETING. I FURTHER MOVE THAT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT OUR
21 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATES TO OPPOSE ANY LEGISLATION THAT WOULD
22 GRANT THE PROPOSED INDUSTRY FOOTBALL STADIUM AND ENTERTAINMENT
23 COMPLEX AN EXEMPTION FROM THE LONG-ESTABLISHED REQUIREMENTS OF
24 THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT." IT IS AN URGENCY.
25 AGAIN, IT HAS NOT BEEN PUT INTO A BILL. UNFORTUNATELY, WE'VE



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1 SEEN VARIOUS ATTEMPTS AT DIFFERENT EFFORTS THROUGH THE
2 REDEVELOPMENT LAWS OR OTHER KINDS OF ISSUES, AND SO THAT'S WHY
3 WE NEED TO HAVE AN URGENCY MOTION. AND UNFORTUNATELY,
4 HOPEFULLY IT WON'T HAPPEN, BUT I THINK WE NEED TO LET
5 EVERYBODY KNOW THAT THAT WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE. I THINK MOST
6 OF US WOULD NOT OPPOSE HAVING AN N.F.L. TEAM HERE, HAVING A
7 FOOTBALL STADIUM AND THE ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX THAT HAS BEEN
8 PROPOSED. I'VE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE VARIOUS MODELS OF IT.
9 I KNOW THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT SUPPORT IT, MAYBE THOSE THAT
10 OPPOSE IT, AS WELL. WE KNOW THAT SOME OF THE CITIES HAVE BEEN
11 SUPPORTIVE. AND SOME OF THEM WILL TAKE LEGAL ACTION. BUT THE
12 MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS IS NOT TAKING ONE SIDE OVER THE
13 OTHER, BUT TO LET THEM KNOW CLEARLY THEY SHOULDN'T GET ANY
14 EXEMPTION ON THE C.E.Q.A. REQUIREMENTS. AGAIN, C.E.Q.A. IS
15 THERE TO MITIGATE ANY ISSUES OF TRAFFIC, NOISE AND ALL OF THE
16 OTHER RELATED ISSUES. AND SO CONSEQUENTLY, I WOULD ASK FOR
17 YOUR APPROVAL. AND HOPEFULLY LET THEM KNOW THAT THIS IS
18 SOMETHING THAT WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE IN L.A. COUNTY.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. COUNSEL, URGENCY? I DON'T SEE A
21 PROBLEM SINCE IT HAS COME SINCE THE POSTING.

22

23 **ROBERT KALUNIAN, COUNSEL:** THE URGENCY IS A FOUR-VOTE TO PUT ON
24 THE AGENDA, AND TO PASS IT IS A THREE-VOTE.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S PART OF HER MOTION, AS WELL, THE
2 URGENCY. IS THERE A SECOND? WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU WANT TO GIVE THEM AN EXEMPTION? WELL, THAT'S
5 JUST THE ISSUE. THEY DID DO THE E.I.R., BUT THERE IS A GROUP
6 OF PEOPLE THAT AT THIS TIME ARE OBJECTING TO IT AND ARE ASKING
7 FOR ADDITIONAL MITIGATIONS. IF THEY GET THE EXEMPTION, THEY
8 WILL NOT HAVE TO RESPOND TO THESE INDIVIDUALS. AND AGAIN
9 THAT'S LIKE ALL C.E.Q.A., LET IT GO THROUGH THE PROCESS. I
10 THINK THESE ISSUES CAN BE MITIGATED. BUT TO CIRCUMVENT THE
11 PROCESS IS SHAMEFUL IN ANY PART OF THE STATE, FOR ANY PROJECT.
12 THEY HAVE GONE, SO FAR. THEY JUST HAVEN'T COMPLETED ALL
13 ASPECTS OF IT. SO THIS WOULD EXEMPT THEM FROM EVEN HAVING TO
14 RESPOND TO THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE OBJECTED. BUT, AGAIN, IT'S
15 YOUR CHOICE.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO WE HAVE ONE OBJECTION. DOES IT NEED
18 FOUR VOTES?

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** FOR THE URGENCY, YOU NEED FOUR VOTES.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DOES IT TAKE FOUR VOTES TO PASS THE
25 ITEM?



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2 **ROBERT KALUNIAN, COUNSEL:** FOUR VOTES FOR THE URGENCY, THREE
3 VOTES TO PASS.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** FOR IT TO BE TAKEN UP.

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7 **ROBERT KALUNIAN, COUNSEL:** CORRECT.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND THEN THERE'S AN ADDITIONAL VOTE THAT
10 IS TAKEN THAT REQUIRES THREE VOTES.

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12 **ROBERT KALUNIAN, COUNSEL:** CORRECT.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE HAVE FOUR VOTES FOR URGENCY.
15 AND THEN ON THE ITEM ITSELF? WE HAVE ONE OBJECTION. PASSES 3-
16 1. OKAY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU'RE UP.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** EXCUSE ME, DID YOU HAVE ANY
21 ADJOURNMENTS, SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SORRY.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. IN WHAT
2 ORDER WOULD YOU LIKE US TO PROCEED? ADJOURNMENTS OR READ-INS
3 OR WHAT'S YOUR PLEASURE?

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PROCEED. ADJOURNMENTS WOULD BE FINE.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. I ASK THAT YOU ADJOURN-- THAT
8 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE YVONNE WASHINGTON, SECOND DISTRICT
9 RESIDENT, WHO RECENTLY PASSED. BORN IN THE GREAT STATE OF
10 VIRGINIA 1939. SISTER WASHINGTON MOVED WITH HER HUSBAND TO LOS
11 ANGELES IN 1965. SHE WORKED AS A COSMETOLOGIST, OPENING A
12 BEAUTY SALON IN 1967. IN 1978, SHE STARTED A MINISTRY WITH HER
13 HUSBAND IN THEIR INGLEWOOD HOME, WHICH SOON BECAME CHRISTIAN'S
14 COMMUNITY CENTER. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER GRACE, HER
15 DEDICATION AND ON THE UNCONDITIONAL LOVE OF THOSE AROUND HER.
16 SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY, HER HUSBAND WILL, THREE
17 CHILDREN: THOMAS, TIMOTHY AND JOY AND A HOST OF FAMILY,
18 FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTIANS COMMUNITY CENTER. WE
19 GIVE A SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO HER HUSBAND, BISHOP WILL T.
20 WASHINGTON. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND COLLEAGUES.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MAY I THEN PROCEED TO READ IN A MATTER?
2 AND THEN I THINK WE HAVE ONE ITEM THAT WE ARE HOLDING, THAT
3 WOULD BE ITEM NO. 36.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** FIRST "ON THE 18TH OF LAST MONTH, THAT IS
8 AUGUST, THE BOARD MADE IT CLEAR THAT IT IS COMMITTED TO
9 PROVIDING QUALITY HEALTHCARE SERVICES ON THE M.L.K. MEDICAL
10 CENTER SITE BY APPROVING THE M.L.K. CAPITAL PROJECT PROGRAM AS
11 OUTLINED IN THE C.E.O.'S MEMO DATED AUGUST THE 18TH. IT IS
12 ANTICIPATED THAT THE COUNTY WILL INCUR PROJECT EXPENDITURES
13 PURSUANT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE
14 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AND THE FINAL CAPITAL FINANCING PLAN.
15 I WANT TO UNDERSCORE THAT IT IS CRITICAL THAT THE BOARD
16 PROTECT ITS ABILITY TO FULLY LEVERAGE BONDS AVAILABLE THROUGH
17 THE AMERICAN RECOVERY REINVESTMENT ACT, OFTEN REFERRED TO AS
18 THE STIMULUS RESOURCES, TO SUPPORT ITS EFFORT AS IT WAITS FOR
19 THE REGIONS TO TAKE ACTION ON THE M.L.K. HOSPITAL PROPOSAL.
20 AMONG OTHER THINGS, A.R.R.A. FUNDING ELIGIBILITY DEADLINES
21 REQUIRE THE COUNTY TO FINALIZE THE DESIGN OF THE MULTI SERVICE
22 AMBULATORY CARE CENTER, NAMELY THE M.A.C.C., BY DECEMBER 2010.
23 I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE C.E.O. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
24 WORKS REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON SEPTEMBER THE 15TH ON ACTION
25 STEPS THE BOARD MUST TAKE TO ENSURE THE DESIGN OF THE M.A.C.C.



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1 IS COMPLETED IN TIME FOR THE COUNTY TO FULLY QUALIFY FOR
2 A.R.R.A. FUNDS TO SUPPORT ITS POTENTIAL REBUILD. I SO MOVE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
5 THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS? SO ORDERED.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND FINALLY, MR. CHAIR, ITEM NO. 36.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. YOU HELD IT AS WELL AS WE HAVE A
10 COUPLE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. ARNOLD SACHS AND DR. CLAVREUL.

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12 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, DR. GENEVIEVE
13 CLAVREUL. I JUST WONDERED IF THOSE REPAIRS ARE THE SAME ONES
14 WE FINANCED A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO? IT WAS VERY LARGE AMOUNT OF
15 MONEY ALLOCATED TO CHANGE THE SURGICAL SUITE AT HARBOR-
16 U.C.L.A. I JUST WONDERED IF THAT'S PART OF THE SAME REPAIR? OR
17 HAVE THOSE PREVIOUS REPAIRS BEEN DONE, AND THAT'S IN ADDITION
18 TO IT? WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT? BECAUSE ON NUMEROUS
19 OCCASIONS, WE WERE TOLD THAT THE REPAIR ON THE O.R.S HAVE BEEN
20 STARTED BY MISS BURKE. AND WHEN WE TALKED TO HOSPITAL
21 INDIVIDUALS, THEY SAID NO THEY HAVEN'T EVER BEEN DONE. SO I
22 WOULD LIKE A CLARIFICATION ON THIS, IF THIS IS PART OF THE
23 PREVIOUS MONEY ALLOCATED OR IT'S A NEW AMOUNT OF MONEY.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE COULD HAVE SOMEBODY FROM STAFF. BILL,
2 CAN YOU ANSWER THAT QUESTION? BECAUSE AS I UNDERSTAND THIS
3 ITEM, IT'S THE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, NOT THE REPAIR PROJECT.

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5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YOU'RE RIGHT. IT IS THE REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NOT THE REPAIR PROJECT.

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9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WHAT WAS THE ISSUE?

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11 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** IT WAS MULTIPLE MILLIONS ALLOCATED A
12 COUPLE OF YEARS AGO TO BUILD NEW SURGICAL SUITES INSIDE
13 HARBOR- U.C.L.A. CONSISTENTLY WE WERE TOLD THE RENOVATION HAD
14 BEEN STARTED.

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16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I MISSPOKE. I WAS DISTRACTED. I WAS LOOKING AT
17 SOMETHING ELSE FOR ANOTHER OFFICE. IT IS THE REPLACEMENT OF
18 THE SURGICAL SUITE.

19

20 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** TWO YEARS AGO WE ALLOCATED MILLIONS OF
21 DOLLARS TO DO THAT. WHERE HAS THAT MONEY GONE? NONE HAVE EVER
22 BEEN USED? OR WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT? BECAUSE ON MULTIPLE
23 OCCASIONS WE WERE TOLD THAT REPAIR HAD BEEN STARTED,
24 RENOVATION HAD BEEN STARTED. WHEN WE PERSONALLY, I MET WITH
25 PEOPLE AT THE HOSPITAL TELLING ME NO REPAIRS WENT ON.



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE MONEY STILL SITS IN OUR CAPITAL PROJECTS
3 DESIGNATION.

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5 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** THE SAME MONEY ALLOCATED TWO YEARS
6 AGO.

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8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ONE PART OF THAT, TOO, WAS FOR E.R.
11 OVERCROWDING. THIS IS THE ACTUAL SEISMIC RETROFIT.

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13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ARNOLD.

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17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS.
18 YOU KNOW THE QUESTION I WILL ASK.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ARE THERE M.T.A. CONNECTIONS TO HARBOR-
21 U.C.L.A.?

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23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THERE IS PROBABLY M.T.A. CONNECTIONS. I BELIEVE
24 THERE ARE. LINE 205 GOES RIGHT DOWN VERMONT AVENUE. BUT MORE
25 IMPORTANTLY, IS THERE A HELICOPTER PAD THAT WILL BE PART OF



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1 THE NEW CONSTRUCTION? AND WILL THE EXHAUST VENTS FOR THE NEW
2 CONSTRUCTION BE SO PLACED AS TO NOT INTERFERE WITH THE
3 OPERATIONS OF THAT HELICOPTER PAD? AND ALSO AT SAID HARBOR-
4 U.C.L.A., THEY JUST OPENED UP, I BELIEVE LAST YEAR, A NEW
5 MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING WITHOUT THE I.T. CONNECTIONS FOR THE
6 STAFF TO WORK IN. THEY WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE CONSTRUCTION. SO
7 THAT THOSE TWO POINTS WILL BE COVERED IN THE CONSTRUCTION FOR
8 THIS REPLACEMENT PROJECT SO AS NOT TO COME BACK AND HAVE AN
9 ARTICLE STATING THAT A OR B DID NOT OCCUR. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR THE FRIENDLY
12 REMINDER. BY THE WAY, THE HELIPAD WILL BE LOCATED AWAY FROM
13 THE HOSPITAL. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT'S ANOTHER MODE OF TRANSPORTATION, MR.
16 CHAIR. LET ME SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPLAUD THE BOARD FOR
17 RESPONDING TO THE INCREASED DEMAND FOR HIGH QUALITY EMERGENCY
18 AND TRAUMA SERVICES FOR ALL OF THE COUNTY, FOR ALL THE
19 RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SOME WILL RECALL THAT
20 IT WAS IN DECEMBER OF 2001 THAT THE BOARD APPROVED THE NEEDS
21 OF VALIDATION REPORT FOR HARBOR-U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER,
22 SURGERY, EMERGENCY PLACEMENT. AND THIS WAS PREPARED BY
23 HAMILTON CLO ASSOCIATES. HARBOR-U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER'S
24 WORKLOAD AND SERVICE AND WORK DEMAND HAVE IN FACT FAR EXCEEDED
25 PROJECTED WORKLOAD PROJECTIONS MADE IN THAT REPORT. OVERALL,



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1 SURGICAL WORKLOAD CONTINUES TO RISE. THE TREND OF SURGICAL
2 CASES HAS INCREASED OVER THE PAST 10 FISCAL YEARS. WE TAKE
3 NOTE OF THAT. THE DEPARTMENT AND HARBOR-U.C.L.A.'S STAFF
4 SHOULD BE APPLAUDED FOR INCREASING THEIR PRODUCTIVITY THROUGH
5 OPERATING EFFICIENCIES AND EXTENDED HOURS OF OPERATION. THE
6 FACT REMAINS, HOWEVER, THAT THERE IS CURRENTLY INSUFFICIENT
7 FUNCTIONAL SPACE. IN ADDITION, ANTIQUATED FACILITIES RESULTED
8 IN SERVICE DISRUPTIONS RESULTING FROM THINGS SUCH AS PLUMBING
9 LEAKS, ELECTRICAL OUTAGES, H.V.A.C. CHALLENGES, ALL OF THE
10 THINGS THAT WE KNOW HAVE TO BE MADE RIGHT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE
11 THE QUALITY OF CARE THAT WE WANT TO SEE HAPPEN. SO THIS
12 CAPITAL INVESTMENT DEMONSTRATES YET AGAIN THE BOARD'S
13 COMMITMENT ABOUT SUPPORTING EMERGENCY CARE NEEDS OF THE
14 RESIDENTS OF THIS COUNTY THROUGH STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES
15 FOR QUALITY CARE. HARBOR-U.C.L.A.'S CURRENT EMERGENCY
16 DEPARTMENT IS APPROXIMATELY 25,000, ARNOLD AND GENEVIEVE,
17 SQUARE FEET WITH 42 BAYS. THE NEW E.D. WILL BE APPROXIMATELY
18 75,000 SQUARE FEET WITH 80 BAYS. AND WE WILL MOVE FROM NINE
19 OPERATING ROOMS TO 16. AND THIS FACILITY WILL ADD VALUE TO THE
20 ENTIRETY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AGAIN, THE BOARD IN ITS
21 ENTIRETY OUGHT TO BE COMMENDED FOR MOVING THIS FORWARD BECAUSE
22 OUR ENTIRE OBJECTIVE IS TO PROVIDE A STRONGER, MORE SECURE
23 SAFETY NET FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. MR.
24 CHAIR, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. AND I SIMPLY THOUGHT
25 THAT WAS WORTHY OF PUNCTUATING SO WE COULD HAVE A BROADER AND



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1 DEEPER LOOK OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HEALTH SERVICES IN OUR
2 COUNTY.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I APPRECIATE THOSE COMMENTS, SUPERVISOR
5 RIDLEY-THOMAS. THIS IS A HUGE DEAL. WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS
6 FOR A LONG TIME.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LONG TIME.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S A GREAT STEP FORWARD. SO I
11 APPRECIATE THE KIND REMARKS.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WITH THAT, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
16 THOMAS, THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
17 ANYTHING ELSE, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS? ANY OTHER ITEMS?

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT WILL SUFFICE. THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE NO ADJOURNING MOTIONS, BUT I WAS
24 HOLDING ONE ITEM. ITEM 35, THANK YOU. AND I JUST WANTED TO
25 READ IN A MOTION TO AMEND IT. "OF THE PROPOSED \$45,384,000



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1 REFURBISHMENT OF THE TEN-STORY BOB HOPE PATRIOTIC HALL
2 BUILDING WITH 85,276 GROSS SQUARE FEET WILL RESULT IN 41,000
3 SQUARE FEET OF USABLE SPACE, ABOUT 48 PERCENT OF THE BUILDING.
4 CURRENT PLANS INDICATED THAT THE AUDITORIUM, KITCHEN, DINING
5 ROOM AND GYM CONSTITUTED LITTLE OVER 15,000 FEET OF THE USABLE
6 SPACE. VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS ARE ASSIGNED 11,000 SQUARE FEET.
7 THE REMAINING 14,000 FEET OF USABLE SPACE IS DESIGNATED AS
8 UNASSIGNED AND LABELED FOR COUNTY OFFICE AREAS AND COUNTY
9 CONFERENCE AND MEETING AREAS. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD
10 INSTRUCT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO REPORT BACK TO THE
11 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITHIN 60 DAYS WITH A PROPOSED PLAN TO
12 UTILIZE ALL THE USABLE SPACE WITH A PREFERENCE GIVEN TO DIRECT
13 AND/OR RELATED SERVICES FOR VETERANS."

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I WILL SECOND THAT. BEING NO OBJECTIONS,
16 THE ITEM IS APPROVED AS AMENDED.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU HAD NO ADJOURNMENTS?

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO ADJOURNMENTS. NOT THIS WEEK.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS AND I ALSO
25 HAVE ADJOURNMENTS FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. FIRST OF ALL, SAD



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1 TO REPORT WE NEED TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JANET ELLIOTT
2 MUMMEY-- ESQUIRE WHO PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 1ST. SHE WAS
3 APPOINTED TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY, SHE'S MY APPOINTEE TO THE
4 LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN. 1998, COMMISSIONER
5 MUMMEY ESTABLISHED AND CHAIRED THE OLDER WOMEN'S ISSUES
6 CONFERENCE AND COMMITTEE. SHE WORKED VERY HARD TO INCREASE THE
7 AWARENESS OF ISSUES AFFECTING OLDER AND MIDDLE AGED WOMEN,
8 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO HEALTH, HOUSING, ELDER ABUSE,
9 LEGAL ISSUES AND SOCIAL SECURITY. IN 1999, COMMISSIONER MUMMEY
10 WAS ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION. IN ADDITION, SHE
11 HAS SERVED AS AN EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBER, ESTABLISHING FOR
12 PROCEDURES FOR THE COMMISSIONS GIRLS AT RISK SCHOLARSHIP
13 PROGRAM WHICH HAS AWARDED OVER \$220,000 IN EDUCATIONAL
14 SCHOLARSHIPS TO YOUNG GIRLS TO ASSIST IN FURTHERING THEIR
15 EDUCATION. SHE ALSO AUTHORED A LEGAL GUIDE FOR WIDOWS, A
16 VALUABLE RESOURCE PUBLISHED ANNUALLY FOR THE WOMEN OF LOS
17 ANGELES COUNTY. DURING COMMISSIONER MUMMEY'S ACTIVE YEARS
18 GOING BACK TO 1993 AS A MEMBER OF THIS COMMISSION, SHE
19 REMAINED IN THE FOREFRONT TO ADVOCATE FOR SOCIAL CHANGE, EQUAL
20 OPPORTUNITY, AND SHE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF
21 WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN. JANET IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE
22 CHILDREN, ELIZABETH, CHRISTINE AND ROBERT AND FOUR
23 GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HER. AND I
24 KNOW THAT THE COMMISSION ON WOMEN WILL HAVE A HUGE VOID, AS
25 WELL. SO OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE CHILDREN AND



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1 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARILYN BINSKE OF
2 CERRITOS WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
3 SISTER, FOUR CHILDREN AND SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN AND THREE GREAT
4 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM CARR,
5 JR. WHO PASSED AWAY SEPTEMBER 1ST, TRAGICALLY AT THE AGE OF
6 49. HE WORKED AT HIS FATHER'S ARCO STATION AT BELLFLOWER
7 THROUGHOUT HIS HIGH SCHOOL YEARS. HE WAS A MECHANIC FOR THE
8 CITY OF BELLFLOWER AND BECAME A LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIREFIGHTER
9 IN 1998. HE ADVANCED TO A FIREFIGHTER SPECIALIST. HE WAS AN
10 ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN BELLFLOWER. HE
11 WILL BE MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE IS SURVIVED BY
12 HIS DAUGHTERS, KRISTA AND KLARISSA, MOTHER LOUAMI, SISTERS
13 SARAH, ROSE, RACHEL AND THREE NIECES. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN
14 MEMORY OF ROMMEL DE LOS REYES, A COUNTY EMPLOYEE FOR NEARLY 30
15 YEARS WHO WORKED FOR I.S.D., DIED SUDDENLY ON SEPTEMBER 3RD.
16 HE WAS 64 YEARS OLD, A BRAIN ANEURYSM. ROMMEL WAS A FRIENDLY,
17 DEDICATED EMPLOYEE WHO LOVED HIS WORK AND ALWAYS LOOKED
18 FORWARD AND ENJOYING BEING PART OF THE COUNTY TEAM. HE WAS A
19 MILITARY VETERAN WHO SERVED THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
20 RESERVE FOR 26 YEARS AND RETIRED IN 2005 FROM THE MARCH AIR
21 RESERVE BASE, AIR MOBILITY WING FORCE COMMAND. HE WILL BE
22 GREATLY MISSED BY ALL. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER PEARL.
23 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GEORGE WINFRED DEISTER A
24 LAKEWOOD RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. HE WAS KNOWN AS A
25 HANDYMAN AND HELPED PEOPLE IN HIS CHURCH, COMMUNITY BUILDING



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1 REPAIR AND THEIR HOMES. HE LOVED FAMILY HISTORY AND TRAVELED
2 WITH HIS WIFE TO PIECE TOGETHER INFORMATION ON DISTANT
3 RELATIVES. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 46 YEARS, FAY, FOUR
4 DAUGHTERS, DEANNA, DEBORAH, THERESA, SARAH, FIVE
5 GRANDCHILDREN, A BROTHER AND A SISTER. FINALLY THAT WE ADJOURN
6 IN MEMORY OF RUBY EMERSON, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF LAKEWOOD.
7 SHE WAS MARRIED TO HER HUSBAND GENE FOR 52 YEARS. SHE WILL BE
8 MISSED BY ALL. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON LARRY AND MANY
9 COUSINS, NIECES AND NEPHEWS. SO ORDERED. THIS IS FOR
10 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. FIRST OF ALL, HE WANTS TO ADJOURN IN
11 MEMORY OF JOHN STASSINOS, A RETIRED LIEUTENANT OF THE LOS
12 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS
13 WITH THE COURT SERVICE DIVISION. MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
14 ALSO LILLIAN FLUOR, WAS A WIDOW TO JOHN ROBERT FLUOR, FORMER
15 C.E.O. OF THE FLOUR CORPORATION. ONE OF HER DELIGHTS WAS
16 PARTICIPATING WITH HER HUSBAND IN ALL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
17 CALIFORNIA EVENTS, WHETHER IT WAS REINFORCEMENT OF HIS ROLE OF
18 CHAIR OF THE BOARD OR CHEERING LOUDLY FOR THE FOOTBALL TEAM.
19 SHE WAS A STEADFAST AND LOYAL SUPPORTER. I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN
20 THAT ONE, PLEASE. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SISTER
21 GENEVIEVE MARIE GAUGHAN. SISTER OF THE ST. JOSEPH FOR 70
22 YEARS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY FIVE NIECES AND ONE NEPHEW. AND
23 FINALLY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DEBORAH SUE SMITH WHO PASSED
24 AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 1ST. SHE WAS A CERTIFIED NURSE'S AIDE AND
25 WAS RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE BEST C.N.A.S IN THE FIELD. SHE



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1 WAS ALSO DEDICATED MEMBER OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY UNITED
2 PENTECOSTAL CHURCH. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY FAMILY AND ALL THOSE
3 THAT KNEW HER. SO ORDERED. FIRST OF ALL, WE WILL CALL UP ITEM
4 S-1, DR. CLAVREUL? PARDON ME? OKAY. WHILE WE'RE WAITING FOR
5 THAT, WE'LL CALL UP SANITATION DISTRICT, ITEM NO. 1. ARNOLD
6 SACHS. ARNOLD, WHILE YOU'RE HERE, ALSO ADDRESS ITEM 15 AND 31,
7 PLEASE, THANK YOU.

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, SIR. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
10 WHY DON'T I ADDRESS SANITATION DISTRICT AND 31 BECAUSE THEY'RE
11 VERY SIMILAR TO ME.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. AS WELL AS 15. YOU ALSO HELD 15.

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'LL DO THAT AFTERWARDS. IT'S PRETTY AMAZING.
16 SOMETIMES YOU FIND THE ANSWERS TO SOME QUESTIONS IN SOME OF
17 THE WEIRDEST PLACES. REGARDING THE SANITATION DISTRICTS AND MY
18 CONTINUED COMPLAINT REGARDING THE SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL,
19 THE SANITATION AREA, I GUESS I FOUND AN ANSWER IN THE
20 SEPTEMBER 3RD L.A. TIMES ARTICLE. THIS ARTICLE DEALT WITH
21 "MADOFF LIES WEREN'T SCRUTINIZED." AND PART OF THE STORY, HE
22 WAS TESTIFYING IN FRONT OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE COMMISSION
23 COMMISSION IN 2006 AND HE STATES "SOME PEOPLE JUST UNDERSTAND
24 HOW TO ANALYZE THE NUMBERS THEY'RE LOOKING AT." AND I GUESS
25 THAT'S HOW TO ANALYZE THE NUMBERS AT THE SUNSHINE CANYON



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1 LANDFILL. YOU JUST HAVE TO HAVE A FEEL FOR THEM. EVEN THOUGH
2 THE MATH IS WRONG. EVEN THOUGH THE 6600 TONS WORKS OUT TO FIVE
3 YEARS OF FREE TRASH DISPOSAL. NOTHING'S CHANGED. AND THEN ON
4 ITEM 31, YOU'RE GOING TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS AND MAKE ANY
5 NECESSARY AMENDMENTS WITH OTHER PARTICIPATING AGENTS TO SHARE
6 THE COST TO PREPARE A TRASH MONITORING AND REPORTING PLAN AS
7 REQUIRED BY THE MALIBU CREEK WATERSHED TRASH TOTAL MAXIMUM
8 DAILY LOAD. WELL IF YOU USED THE SAME STATISTICS THAT YOU USED
9 FOR THE SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL, WHO GIVES A PATOOT, THE
10 NUMBERS ARE WRONG. AND IT MAY NOT STAND UP TODAY, BUT
11 SOMEWHERE DOWN THE HIGHWAY WHEN THEY START TO TRANSPORT TRASH
12 BY TRAIN TO THE OUTLYING AREAS IN CALIFORNIA WHEN THE
13 LANDFILLS START TO CLOSE, THERE'S GOING TO BE A DIFFERENCE OF
14 6,600 TONS. AND EVENTUALLY IT WILL CATCH UP SOMEPLACE. SO TO
15 GO AHEAD AND MAKE SOME KIND OF RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING
16 TRASH MONITORING, WHEN YOU CAN'T MONITOR THE TRASH AT SUNSHINE
17 CANYON LANDFILL, I MEAN YOU'RE JUST THROWING THE BATH WATER
18 OUT WITH THE BATH AND THE BABY. I MEAN IT JUST DOESN'T
19 ABSOLUTELY MAKE NO SENSE AT ALL THAT YOU SHOULD EVEN CONSIDER
20 YOU'RE SO FAR BEHIND THE EIGHT BALL.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU WANT TO ADDRESS ITEM 15?

23

24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM 15, ITEM 15 REFERS TO COST SAVINGS THE
25 DEPARTMENT HEADS SHOULD BE TAKING AND STRETCHING THIS JUST A



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1 LITTLE BIT. WHEN YOU HAVE THE CHILD SERVICES DEPARTMENT HERE,
2 CHILDREN'S SERVICES, THERE WAS A COUPLE COMMENTS MADE, ONE BY
3 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REGARDING THAT ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE
4 CHILDREN'S SERVICES WEREN'T UP TO SPEED ON THE PROGRAM. AND
5 ANOTHER BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA STATING THAT ALL OF THE
6 DEPARTMENTS MAY NOT BE-- HAVE THEIR CAPABILITIES OF EXCHANGING
7 INFORMATION WITHIN THAT DEPARTMENT. SO MY QUESTION OR MY
8 CONCERN WOULD BE: IN ORDER TO SAVE COST, WOULDN'T IT BEHOOVE
9 THE DEPARTMENT HEADS TO, A) MAKE SURE ALL THEIR WORKERS ARE UP
10 TO SPEED IN WHATEVER PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE TO THOSE
11 PARTICULAR DEPARTMENTS? AND, B) WHATEVER DEPARTMENTS ARE
12 ELIGIBLE TO BE CONNECTED IN COMMUNICATIONS BY VIRTUE OF THE
13 PROGRAMS THAT ARE BEING PURCHASED BY THE COUNTY AND BEING
14 IMPLEMENTED BY THE COUNTY, TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE DEPARTMENTS
15 ARE, IN FACT, FOLLOWING UP AND USING THAT INFORMATION. THANK
16 YOU.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THEN ON ITEMS SD-1, 15 AND
19 31, THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA.
20 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. BEFORE-- COME ON UP, STAFF, ON
21 S-1. WHILE WE'RE DOING THAT, I ALSO WANTED TO NOTE THAT WE GOT
22 WORD TODAY THAT USED WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT ANOTHER
23 BABY GIRL WAS SAFELY SURRENDERED AT FIRE STATION 33 IN THE
24 CITY OF LOS ANGELES. THE MOTHER OF THE NEWBORN FEMALE GAVE
25 BIRTH AT HOME. TOOK THE BABY TO SOUTH CENTRAL FIRE STATION



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1 WHERE SHE SURRENDERED THE INFANT. AS IS STANDARD PRACTICE,
2 OBVIOUSLY, THE BABY IS IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY AND WILL
3 EVENTUALLY BE PLACED WITH A FAMILY APPROVED FOR ADOPTION BY
4 THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. WE WANT TO
5 THANK THE NEWBORN'S MOTHER FOR DOING THE RIGHT THING. AND
6 "SAFE SURRENDER" CONTINUES TO PROTECT BABIES FROM ABANDONMENT.
7 NO NAME, NO SHAME, NO BLAME. NUMBER 74. IF YOU WANT TO GIVE US
8 AN UPDATE ON S-1, PLEASE.

9

10 **CAROL MEYER:** CAROL MEYER, CHIEF NETWORK OFFICER. TODAY WE'VE
11 PROVIDED YOU A REPORT ON THE CENSUS TRENDING OF L.A.C.+ U.S.C.
12 MEDICAL CENTER. THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AND HOSPITAL
13 ADMISSION VOLUME TRENDING, WHICH IS FAIRLY CONSISTENT,
14 SPECIALTY SERVICES TRENDING, WHICH AGAIN VERY SLIGHTLY BASED
15 UPON PATIENTS PRESENTING TO THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT. IN
16 ADDITION, AT THE LAST MEETING A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO WHEN WE
17 PRESENTED, THE BOARD MEMBERS ASKED FOR US TO ANSWER SEVERAL
18 ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS. TO THAT END, WE'VE PROVIDED A BACKGROUND
19 ON THE SURGE PLAN AND THE CROWDING SCORE SYSTEM THAT WE USE,
20 CALLED THE N.E.D.O.C. SYSTEM. WE'VE ALSO PROVIDED SOME
21 CIRCUMSTANCES THAT TRIGGER THE TRANSFER OF PATIENTS. BY
22 SEPARATE LETTER, COUNTY COUNSEL PROVIDED A REPORT BACK TO THE
23 BOARD ON PATIENTS AND WHETHER THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO DECLINE
24 TRANSFER. WE PROVIDED A PLAN TO IMPROVE THE BED TURNAROUND
25 TIMES FROM THE CURRENT FOUR TO SIX HOURS TO TWO TO THREE



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1 HOURS, THREE HOURS ON AVERAGE. AND FINALLY WE HAVE PROVIDED
2 INFORMATION ON CONTRACTED BEDS AND UTILIZATION OF THOSE
3 CONTRACTED BEDS. IN ADDITION, SUPER ANTONOVICH ASKED SOME
4 QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR HEALTH PLAN AGREEMENT PROCESS FOR
5 SPECIALTY CARE TO USE SOME CAPACITY IN THOSE AREAS AND WE'VE
6 PROVIDED A SPECIAL CONFIDENTIAL MEMO FOR THAT. I WOULD BE
7 HAPPY OR WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS
8 THAT THE BOARD WOULD HAVE AT THIS TIME.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OF STAFF AT THIS
11 POINT BEFORE I CALL DR. CLAVREUL UP? OKAY. DR. CLAVREUL?

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THEN I'D LIKE TO ASK QUESTIONS.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU WANT TO ASK NOW?

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** EXCUSE ME, DR. CLAVREUL.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU SAID FROM STAFF. I NEED TO ASK A COUPLE OF
22 QUESTIONS. FIRST OF ALL, IS THERE AN OVERALL DEFINITION IN THE
23 STATE AS TO WHAT IS A SURGE?

24



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1 **CAROL MEYER:** IN THE DISASTER AND IN THE JOINT COMMISSION
2 PROCESS, YOU ARE TO HAVE A PLAN FOR SURGE. BUT THERE ISN'T A
3 DEFINITION FOR SURGE BECAUSE EVERY HOSPITAL HAS A DIFFERENT
4 SIZE. SO EACH HOSPITAL IS SUPPOSED TO DEFINE THEIR SURGE AND
5 THEN ALSO DEVELOP THEIR SURGE PLAN.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO HAVE WE DEFINED OUR SURGE?

8

9 **CAROL MEYER:** YES. IT IS DEFINED IN OUR SURGE PLAN FOR
10 L.A.C.+U.S.C.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WHAT IS OUR DEFINITION?

13

14 **CAROL MEYER:** EACH OF OUR HOSPITALS HAVE THEIR OWN. SURGE IS A
15 SIZABLE RESOURCE IN DEMAND COMPARED WITH A BASELINE DEMAND.
16 COMPONENTS INCLUDE INFLUX, EVENT AND RESOURCE DEMAND.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. IS THAT THE SAME DEFINITION THAT WAS
19 PRESENTED ALMOST ABOUT A YEAR AGO TO THIS BOARD AS TO WHAT A
20 SURGE WOULD BE?

21

22 **CAROL MEYER:** I'M ASSUMING. I AM SORRY, SUPERVISOR, BUT THIS
23 PLAN WAS UTILIZED IN THE OLD FACILITY. AND THEN IT WAS
24 CONVERTED TO APPLY TO THE NEW FACILITY. IT TOOK US SEVERAL
25 MONTHS TO DO THAT. SO I'M ASSUMING THE DEFINITION DID NOT



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1 CHANGE, BUT OF COURSE THE-- SOME OF THE ISSUES RELATED TO
2 RESOURCE DEMAND CHANGED.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE REASON IS THAT IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, LAST
5 YEAR WHEN WE ASKED THE QUESTION-- WHEN THERE WAS A
6 PRESENTATION ABOUT THE ISSUE OF THE FACILITY, A SURGE WAS
7 IDENTIFIED AS SOMETHING THAT WAS CATASTROPHIC.

8

9 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR. WHEN WE WERE HERE A YEAR AGO,
10 THE SPECIFIC ISSUE THAT WE WERE LOOKING AT AT THE TIME WAS THE
11 SURGE THAT OCCURS WHEN YOU HAVE A NEW FACILITY.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY?

14

15 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** IT'S THE SURGE THAT YOU HAVE WHEN YOU HAVE
16 A NEW FACILITY. THE CONSULTANTS WE WERE WORKING WITH AT THAT
17 TIME WERE CONCERNED ABOUT NOT JUST THE TEMPORAL SURGES THAT
18 MAY HAPPEN SEASONALLY WHEN YOU HAVE THINGS LIKE FLU, OR EVEN
19 DURING A WEEK WHEN YOU HAVE TIMES WHEN MORE PEOPLE COME IN
20 THAN LESS, BUT ON AVERAGE THEY HAD EXPERIENCE THAT WHEN YOU
21 OPEN UP A NEW FACILITY, THAT MORE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO COME TO
22 IT JUST BECAUSE IT'S NEW AND IT'S MORE ATTRACTIVE AND
23 WHATEVER. AND SO THE MODEL THAT WE TALKED ABOUT A YEAR AGO
24 LOOKED AT SURGES THAT WERE BASED ON THE NEW FACILITY THAT WERE
25 5, 10 AND 15. NOW, THE RESPONSE TO IT IN TERMS OF THE THINGS



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1 THAT THEY MODEL TO PUT TOGETHER WERE VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT'S
2 INTO THIS PLAN. BUT THE REASON WE WERE TALKING ABOUT AT THAT
3 TIME WAS BECAUSE OF THE NEW FACILITY.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. AND AGAIN NEWNESS WEARS OFF
6 EVENTUALLY.

7

8 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** YES.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT IF YOU LOOK AT THE NUMBERS COMPARISON OF THE
11 OLD HOSPITAL TO THE NEW, THESE ARE LESS NUMBERS. SO AGAIN, LET
12 ME REMIND YOU THAT THE DEFINITION OF A SURGE WHEN PRESENTED BY
13 THOSE CONSULTANTS WAS SOME KIND OF CATASTROPHIC EVENT. I THINK
14 IT'S EVEN IN THE WRITTEN REPORT. I UNDERSTAND THE NEWNESS. SO
15 WHEN DO YOU THINK THE NEWNESS WILL WEAR OFF IF IT EVER DOES?
16 DID SOMEBODY DEFINE THAT, AS WELL?

17

18 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THEY DEFINED THAT. I
19 THINK WE'RE PAST THAT AT THIS POINT AND WHAT WE'RE REALLY
20 DEALING WITH IS THE ONGOING OPERATION OF THE HOSPITAL.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** DO YOU THINK WE'RE PASSED THE NEWNESS OF IT?

23

24 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** I DO, SUPERVISOR.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IF WE ARE IN DANGEROUS, IF WE ARE IN
2 OVERCROWDED, SEVERE OVERCROWDED AND IN DANGEROUS OVERCROWDED
3 SITUATIONS GOING ON, ON AN ONGOING BASIS, THEN THE SURGE OF
4 NEW IS NOT THERE. THE ONLY SURGE AVAILABLE WOULD BE
5 CATASTROPHIC.

6

7 **CAROL MEYER:** WELL, I BELIEVE, SUPERVISOR, THAT THERE ARE
8 SURGES ON A DAILY BASIS OR WEEKLY BASIS, AS WELL. WE SEE
9 PATIENTS COMING IN PARTICULARLY ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY
10 AND THEN IT SEEMS AS THOUGH THE FLOW GOES DOWN. WE ALSO ARE
11 SEEING, I WOULD CALL IT, A SURGE OF PATIENTS DUE TO THE
12 ECONOMY. THE INCREASING NUMBER OF UNINSURED PEOPLE THAT ARE
13 SEEKING SERVICES AT OUR PUBLIC HOSPITALS.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN, THAT'S A DIFFERENT ISSUE AGAIN. THE ISSUE
16 IS WHETHER, AGAIN, WE HAVE-- AND THAT ALWAYS WAS IN THE OTHER
17 FACILITY, AS WELL. WE ALWAYS HAD THAT SITUATION. WE HAVE IT AT
18 ALL HOSPITALS. I'M JUST TALKING ABOUT THE DEFINITION THAT YOU
19 HAD UTILIZED AT THAT TIME AND THE SURGE PLAN THAT WAS PUT IN
20 PLACE. I UNDERSTAND IT'S A VERY WIDE DEFINITION OVERALL. BUT I
21 REMEMBER WHEN THE PRESENTATION WAS MADE HERE. NOW LET'S GO TO
22 THE ISSUE OF THE QUESTIONS THAT I ASKED IN THE LAST REPORT. I
23 NEED TO KNOW AT WHAT POINT IN TIME HAVE YOU DEFINED AS A
24 TRIGGER FOR TRANSFER? SO FAR IT'S NOT WHEN IT'S OVERCROWDED.
25 IT'S NOT WHEN IT'S SEVERE OVERCROWDING. AND IT DOESN'T SEEM TO



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1 BE WHEN IT'S DANGEROUSLY OVERCROWDED. WHAT WOULD BE THE
2 TRIGGER FOR TRANSFERRING PATIENTS?

3

4 **CAROL MEYER:** WELL, ACTUALLY THERE ARE TRANSFER PROTOCOLS THAT
5 ARE PUT IN PLACE.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S NOT THE QUESTION I ASKED. I'M NOT GOING TO
8 LET YOU GET AWAY WITH IT NOW, OKAY? IS IT SEVERE OVERCROWDING
9 FOR 10 HOURS? SEVEN DAYS? I MEAN WHAT KICKS IN THE POLICY?

10

11 **CAROL MEYER:** WE DO THE SURGE PLAN N.E.D.O.C. SCORE EVERY TWO
12 HOURS. WHEN WE GET TO ONE OF THE COLORS-- THERE ARE CERTAIN
13 THINGS THAT ARE TRIGGERED AT EACH COLOR. NOW, THERE ARE A
14 NUMBER OF THINGS INSIDE THE HOSPITAL THAT HAPPEN AT THE
15 ORIGINAL-- AT THE FIRST STEPS OF THE COLORS. WHEN WE GET TO
16 ORANGE, WHICH IS OVERCROWDED, THEN WE DO OUR INCREASE LEVEL OF
17 TRANSFERS TO RANCHO LOS AMIGOS AND OTHER COUNTY HOSPITALS.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT. WHEN YOU GET TO ORANGE. AND AGAIN ORANGE IS
20 OVERCROWDED. SO WHAT IS THAT TRIGGER? I MEAN FOR HOW LONG? I
21 MEAN, WHEN DO YOU START-- LET'S SAY YOU DO IT. WHEN IS IT?

22

23 **CAROL MEYER:** IMMEDIATELY UPON GETTING A SCORE THAT EQUATES TO
24 A NUMBER THAT EQUALS ORANGE, THEN THE STAFF AUTOMATICALLY
25 INCREASE THE NUMBER OF TRANSFERS THAT GO TO RANCHO LOS AMIGOS.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THAT'S ONE TRIGGER. YOU SAID RANCHO LOS
3 AMIGOS.

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5 **CAROL MEYER:** AND OTHER COUNTY HOSPITALS.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND OTHER COUNTY HOSPITALS. NOW, THAT IS A
8 TRIGGER FOR OVERCROWDING. AND THAT IS USED A LOT THROUGHOUT
9 THE MONTH. THERE'S A LOT OF TRANSFERS.

10

11 **CAROL MEYER:** THAT'S CORRECT.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** NOW, WHAT HAPPENS AT THE NEXT PHASE?

14

15 **CAROL MEYER:** AT THE NEXT PHASE IS RED, WHICH IS SEVERELY
16 OVERCROWDING, AND AT THAT POINT THE SCORE REACHES SEVERELY
17 OVERCROWDING, WE IMMEDIATELY START IMPLEMENTING TRANSFERS TO
18 PRIVATE HOSPITALS.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU'VE BEEN IN RED QUITE OFTEN IN THE LAST COUPLE
21 OF MONTHS. HOW MANY PATIENTS DID YOU TRANSFER TO THOSE OTHER
22 HOSPITALS?

23

24 **CAROL MEYER:** APPROXIMATELY 30 A MONTH.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** 30 A MONTH. AND WHO WERE THOSE PATIENTS THAT YOU
2 TRANSFERRED?

3

4 **CAROL MEYER:** WE TRANSFERRED PRIMARILY MEDI-CAL PATIENTS AND
5 SEVERAL INDIGENT PATIENTS.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SEVERAL INDIGENT.

8

9 **CAROL MEYER:** YES.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW MANY SEVERAL INDIGENT?

12

13 **CAROL MEYER:** I BELIEVE THERE WERE SIX TOTAL INDIGENT PATIENTS.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** IN THE BEDS THAT WE HAD ASKED THE LAST TIME THAT
16 WE NEEDED TO BUY FOR THESE KINDS OF TIMES IN THE PRIVATE
17 HOSPITALS, HOW MANY OF INDIGENT PATIENTS HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED
18 TO THOSE PRIVATE BEDS?

19

20 **CAROL MEYER:** APPROXIMATELY SIX.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** SIX?

23

24 **CAROL MEYER:** SIX INDIGENT PATIENTS, YES.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND YOU TOLD MY STAFF TWO.

2

3 **CAROL MEYER:** WELL, THERE WERE FOUR AT THE VERY, VERY BEGINNING
4 JUST AT THE TIME OR PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER OF THE HOSPITAL AND
5 TWO IN THE LATTER MONTHS.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS ISN'T JUST IN THE LAST REPORT. YOU'RE SAYING
8 IN ALL OF THE TIME THAT THIS HOSPITAL HAS BEEN IN SEVERE
9 OVERCROWDING, ONLY SIX?

10

11 **CAROL MEYER:** THAT'S CORRECT. OF INDIGENT PATIENTS. BUT WE
12 WE'VE TRANSFERRED MANY MEDI-CAL PATIENTS.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. THAT'S WHY I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND
15 HOW THIS ALL WORKS BECAUSE WE CAN'T GET IT DEFINED FOR US. SO
16 SIX TOTALLY. SO WHAT IS THE PROTOCOL AT THAT POINT IN TIME FOR
17 THE SEVERE OVERCROWDING?

18

19 **CAROL MEYER:** FOR SEVERE OVERCROWDING, WE BEGIN TO MAKE
20 TRANSFERS TO PRIVATE HOSPITALS FOCUSING CURRENTLY PRIMARILY ON
21 THE MEDI-CAL PATIENTS AND ALSO TRANSFERRING AN OCCASIONAL
22 INDIGENT PATIENT. THEY'RE MORE DIFFICULT TO TRANSFER.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT. SO WHEN YOU GET TO THIS POINT OF SEVERE
25 OVERCROWDING, UNDER THE PREMISE OF THE SURGE PLAN AND ALL OF



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1 THE ACCOMMODATIONS THAT WE HAVE MADE FOR THE SMALLER HOSPITAL,
2 HOW CAN YOU MOVE INTO DANGEROUS OVERCROWDING WHEN WE HAVE A
3 PLAN IN PLACE TO PREVENT THAT FROM HAPPENING?

4

5 **CAROL MEYER:** WELL, THE PLAN IS STEP, BY STEP, BY STEP.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. HOPEFULLY THE IDEA IS WHEN YOU
8 GET TO ONE STEP, YOU ARE GOING TO DIFFUSE THE URGENCY AND THE
9 OVERCROWDED BY TAKING THOSE STEPS.

10

11 **CAROL MEYER:** YES.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHEN THAT STEP DOESN'T WORK, THEN YOU TAKE THE
14 NEXT STEP, WHICH IS THE SEVERE OVERCROWDING. SO IF YOU'VE ONLY
15 MOVED SIX PATIENTS IN THE ENTIRE TIME THAT WE'VE HAD THE
16 PRIVATE BEDS THAT ARE INDIGENT PATIENTS, AND WE'VE USED ALL OF
17 THE RANCHO BEDS AND ACCOMMODATED ALL OF THE MEDI-CAL PATIENTS
18 IN ALL OF THE PRIVATE HOSPITALS, WHAT WOULD POSSIBLY LEAD TO A
19 SEVERE OVERCROWDING THAT WE HAVE HAD IN THE LAST COUPLE OF
20 MONTHS?

21

22 **CAROL MEYER:** I THINK OUR NEXT STEP IS TO DEVELOP SOME
23 ADDITIONAL CONTRACTS SO THAT WE'RE ABLE TO HOPEFULLY BE EVEN
24 MORE SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING ADDITIONAL PATIENTS OUT.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** CONTRACTS? WHAT KIND OF CONTRACTS?

2

3 **CAROL MEYER:** WITH ADDITIONAL PRIVATE HOSPITALS.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** FOR PRIVATE BEDS?

6

7 **CAROL MEYER:** YES.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT YOU'VE NOT FILLED ALL THE BEDS YOU CONTRACTED
10 FOR ALREADY. WHY DO YOU NEED MORE? YOU HAVE THEM AND YOU'RE
11 NOT UTILIZING THEM. CAROL, I RELY ON YOU TO GIVE ME THIS
12 INFORMATION. WE'VE BEEN TRACKING IT. I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET
13 ANSWERS. WE'RE TRYING TO FOLLOW A CHAIN OF EVENTS, OKAY? SO
14 I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND. AT FIRST THE HOSPITAL AND THE HEALTH
15 DEPARTMENT DID NOT WANT TO UTILIZE ALL OF THE RANCHO BEDS
16 AVAILABLE. THERE WAS ISSUES ABOUT STAFF. THERE WAS ISSUES
17 ABOUT WHO'S GOING TO MANAGE. THERE WAS ISSUES OF PEOPLE DIDN'T
18 WANT TO GO. ALL OF THAT HAS BEEN, FOR SOME REASON, AVOIDED.
19 PEOPLE ARE GOING.

20

21 **CAROL MEYER:** THEY ARE.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT IS WORKING WELL. IT IS DIFFUSING THE
24 OVERCROWDED SITUATIONS AT L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. AND TRANSFERRING
25 THEM TO RANCHO, WHICH IS AN UNDERUTILIZED FACILITY THAT IS NOW



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1 GETTING MORE UTILIZATION. IT'S A GOOD THING. SO NOW WE HAVE--
2 THERE HAS BEEN A HESITANCY TO SECURE THE PRIVATE BEDS AND TO
3 SET ASIDE THE MONEY NECESSARY SHOULD WE NEED THOSE BEDS. THOSE
4 HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE TO YOU BUT YOU'RE NOT UTILIZING THEM. HOW
5 CAN YOU SAY YOU NEED MORE BEDS WHEN YOU AREN'T USING THE BEDS
6 THAT ARE THERE?

7

8 **CAROL MEYER:** THE CONTRACT THAT WE HAVE IS FOR A HOSPITAL
9 THAT'S QUITE A DISTANCE AWAY. AND WE NEED TO IMPLEMENT THE
10 CONTRACTS WITH CLOSER HOSPITALS.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WHERE IS THE HOSPITAL?

13

14 **CAROL MEYER:** WE ARE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THOSE FACILITIES.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHERE IS THE HOSPITAL THAT YOU CONTRACT THE
17 PRIVATE BEDS THAT'S FAR AWAY?

18

19 **CAROL MEYER:** ST. VINCENT'S MEDICAL CENTER, WHICH IS IN--

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** ST. VINCENT'S.

22

23 **CAROL MEYER:** WHICH IS ABOUT 10 TO 12 MILES AWAY FROM
24 L.A.C.+U.S.C. IT BECOMES DIFFICULT TO TRANSFER PATIENTS TO
25 THAT FACILITY BECAUSE PATIENTS DON'T WANT TO GO THAT FAR.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** DON'T GO THERE BECAUSE THAT'S ANOTHER SET OF
3 QUESTIONS I'LL ASK YOU NEXT. BUT RIGHT NOW, GOING 10 MILES, IF
4 IT IS 10 MILES, CAN'T BE DONE. SO YOU WOULD RATHER GO INTO--
5 OR SOMEBODY'S MADE THE CONCLUSION, LET'S GO INTO A DANGEROUS
6 SITUATION INSTEAD OF TRANSFERRING A PATIENT THAT FAR?

7

8 **CAROL MEYER:** I THINK WE RECOGNIZE NOW, SUPERVISOR, THAT WE
9 NEED TO STEP UP THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS THAT ARE BEING
10 TRANSFERRED OUT TO THE INDIGENT BEDS.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT IT'S NOT UP TO ME TO RECOGNIZE THAT. I'M
13 HARDLY A PROFESSIONAL IN THIS AREA. I'M JUST TRYING TO ASK
14 LOGICAL QUESTIONS IN THE RESPONSES THAT YOU'VE GIVEN US. AND
15 WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND ABOUT THE LOGIC IS IF IN FACT WE'VE
16 MADE ACCOMMODATIONS TO NEVER GET TO, HOPEFULLY, THE DANGEROUS
17 OVERCROWDING, AND THIS IS WITHIN NORMAL SURGES; THAT IS, THE
18 NORMAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE, YOU KNOW, ALL OF THOSE THINGS, I'M
19 CONCERNED ABOUT THE DAY OF A REAL SURGE, A REAL CATASTROPHIC
20 SURGE. SO RIGHT NOW, SOMEONE IS NOT UTILIZING THE BEDS THAT WE
21 HAVE BECAUSE SOMEBODY HAS CONCLUDED IT'S TOO FAR AWAY.

22

23 **CAROL MEYER:** IT'S NOT AN ISSUE OF NOT WANTING TO, SUPERVISOR.
24 WE HAVE FOCUSED ON THE MEDI-CAL PATIENTS.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. AND I APPRECIATE ALL THAT. BUT
2 EVENTUALLY YOU RUN OUT OF MEDI-CAL PATIENTS, YOU KNOW?

3

4 **CAROL MEYER:** YEAH.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE THE SMALLER HOSPITAL, AS YOU SAID, THE
7 ECONOMY, MORE AND MORE EMPLOYERS ARE NOT PROVIDING HEALTH
8 COVERAGE. YOU WILL HAVE A LOT MORE INDIGENT PATIENTS, PEOPLE
9 WHO MAY NOT QUALIFY FOR THOSE SERVICES. SO CONSEQUENTLY YOU
10 HAVE MORE INDIGENT PATIENTS. MY CONCERN IS: IS THERE A CLEAR
11 TRIGGER POLICY OR NOT?

12

13 **CAROL MEYER:** THERE HAS NOT BEEN A CLEAR TRIGGER POLICY TO
14 FOCUS ON THE INDIGENT PATIENTS. WE'VE SPENT MUCH OF OUR TIME
15 FOCUSING ON THE MEDI-CAL PATIENTS. WE NOW NEED TO EXPAND THAT.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. I GUESS THAT AT THE END OF THE DAY--
18 AND I KNOW THAT ON A BUSINESS PLAN SOMEBODY HAS TO LOOK AT
19 THIS, BUT THAT'S BEEN THE PLAN FROM DAY ONE. WHEN WE SHRUNK
20 THE HOSPITAL BEDS, WE KNEW THAT THE DIVERSITY OF PAYMENTS WAS
21 GOING TO CHANGE. WE KNEW THESE THINGS. IT WAS PRESENTED
22 CLEARLY BY THE DEPARTMENT AT THE TIME. SO AS YOU CONTINUE TO
23 DO THAT, YOU WERE TAKING OUT THE PAYING CUSTOMERS AND NOW YOU
24 ARE TAKING THE ONES THAT MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO
25 PAY. BUT, AGAIN, MY CONCERN IS IS THAT IF THERE IS NOT A CLEAR



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1 POLICY OF WHAT A TRIGGER IS, BECAUSE WE'VE MADE ACCOMMODATIONS
2 TO NOT EVER GET INTO DANGEROUSLY OVERCROWDED, AND MY CONCERN
3 IS, IS THAT I DON'T HEAR THAT THERE IS A TRIGGER AND I THINK
4 THAT MUST BE DEVELOPED. NOW, BILL, I'VE BEEN TRYING TO AND
5 FOLLOWING THROUGH ALL OF THIS. THEY'VE FOUGHT EVERY SINGLE
6 PART OF WHETHER IT WAS RANCHO OR WHETHER IT WAS-- AND SO I
7 REALLY AM CONCERNED. I KNOW THAT THERE ARE SURGES EVERYWHERE.
8 AND I KNOW HOW SURGES ARE DEFINED. BUT THE WORST PART ABOUT
9 IT: WHEN THERE IS A METROLINK ACCIDENT, WHEN THERE IS A PLANE
10 THAT GOES DOWN, WHEN THERE IS A HUGE EPIDEMIC LIKE THE SWINE
11 FLU, THERE ARE POTENTIAL PROBLEMS. WE NEED TO BE PREPARED FOR
12 THEM. THIS IS THE REGULAR COURSE OF THE DAY SO FAR. SO I THINK
13 THAT IF THERE ARE TRIGGERS-- AND THERE SHOULD BE-- HOW WE MOVE
14 INTO THE OTHER LEVELS IF IN FACT THE TRIGGER IS FOR THE
15 OVERCROWDING AND WE GET TO THE SEVERE, YOU HAVE TO EVALUATE
16 HOW YOU GOT THERE, THE SURGE WAS LARGER, OBVIOUSLY. BUT IF YOU
17 DON'T HAVE THE TRIGGERS FOR THE SEVERELY OVERCROWD TO THE
18 DANGEROUS OVERCROWDED, WHEN THERE ARE BEDS AVAILABLE, THEN I
19 THINK THE DEPARTMENT HAS TO START PRODUCING THAT BECAUSE I
20 CERTAINLY DON'T WANT ME TO DO THAT AND TRY TO BRING A MOTION
21 BEFORE THE BOARD, BECAUSE I HARDLY WOULD KNOW WHAT TO DO OR
22 HOW TO DO IT. BUT I AM CONCERNED IN SEEING WHAT IS THE COLOR
23 THAT WE SEE WHEN IT'S DANGEROUSLY OVERCROWDED?

24

25 **CAROL MEYER:** BLACK.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** BLACK, CORRECT. I DON'T WANT THOSE BLACK LINES

3 SHOWING UP ANY THICKER THAN THEY'RE SHOWING UP NOW ON A

4 REGULAR NO SURGE OR NO SURGE DEFINED AS THAT. SO I WOULD HOPE

5 THAT WE COULD DEVELOP THAT. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT A TRIGGER

6 BE FOLLOWED UP. I THINK YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING AT TRYING TO

7 PRESENT THAT AND I HAVE NOT SEEN IT. I THINK THAT THE OTHER

8 ISSUE THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS, AS WELL, IS THAT WHEN THIS WAS

9 PRESENTED A YEAR AGO AND WE QUESTIONED THE ISSUE OF THE WORD

10 UTILIZATION VERSUS OCCUPANCY, YOU HAD DR. HALL AND PETE

11 DELGADO, OUR ADMINISTRATOR THERE, BOTH TELLING US VERY CLEARLY

12 THAT "OH NO, 'UTILIZATION' WOULD BE THE TERM THAT WOULD BE

13 USED IN THIS HOSPITAL, NOT 'OCCUPANCY.'" WE DEFINED AND

14 CLEARLY WENT BACK AND FORTH AS TO WHAT IS OCCUPANCY AND WHAT

15 IS UTILIZATION. AND WHAT WE HAVE SEEN IS THAT EVEN IN THE

16 BUSIEST OF HOSPITALS, EVERYONE UTILIZES OCCUPANCY BECAUSE YOU

17 NEED A FAIR TURNAROUND ON BEDS. AND IT ISN'T JUST ABOUT

18 HOUSEKEEPING AND CLEANING A BED AND CHANGING THE BED COVERS.

19 IT'S MAKING SURE THAT A PATIENT IS RELEASED, THAT THE DOCTOR

20 CLEARLY HAS RELEASED THAT PATIENT. THEY HAVE THEIR

21 MEDICATIONS, THAT ALL OF THE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE, AND

22 THAT YOU NOW HAVE THE PERSONNEL THAT CAN COME IN, HOOK UP,

23 UNHOOK, CLEAN, DO WHATEVER THEY NEED TO DO TO SANITIZE THE

24 ROOM FOR THE NEXT PATIENT. AT THAT TIME LAST YEAR, WE WERE

25 TOLD THAT WE WOULD BE USING UTILIZATION AND THAT UTILIZATION



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1 AT THAT POINT IN TIME MEANT A QUICK TURNAROUND-- AND CORRECT
2 ME IF I'M WRONG-- TWO TO THREE HOURS, IS THAT CORRECT?

3

4 **CAROL MEYER:** YES.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO FAR WE'VE NOT

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8 **CAROL MEYER:** WE HAVE NOT.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE'RE AT IF YOU REMEMBER FOUR TO SIX HOURS.

11

12 **CAROL MEYER:** YES.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH IS STANDARD OCCUPANCY RATES.

15

16 **CAROL MEYER:** WELL, WE ACTUALLY WERE AT MUCH HIGHER RATES
17 BEFORE. AND WE'VE GOTTEN DOWN TO FOUR TO SIX AND WE'VE GOT TO
18 DO BETTER. WE HAVE TO GET IT DOWN TO THREE.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW, THE NEWNESS IS WEARING DOWN QUICKLY. MY
21 ISSUE AGAIN IS I'VE ASKED FOR A PLAN SPECIFICALLY OF WHEN
22 YOU'RE GOING TO ACHIEVE TWO TO THREE HOURS. I AM TOLD NOW THAT
23 YOU'RE GOING TO START IMPLEMENTING A PLAN THAT PETE IS GOING
24 TO ADMINISTER TO GET US TO TWO TO THREE HOURS IN SIX MONTHS.



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1 WHY WASN'T THAT PLAN PUT IN PLACE THE DAY THAT IT OPENED? WHEN
2 IN FACT UTILIZATION WAS THE TERM THAT WAS GOING TO BE USED.

3

4 **CAROL MEYER:** I THINK THOSE STEPS HAVE BEEN IN PLACE,
5 SUPERVISOR, WITH MANY ISSUES GOING ON. I THINK WE ARE
6 STABILIZED IN TERMS OF STAFF AND LEARNING THE FACILITY AND SO
7 FORTH. NOW WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS GO BACK AND BREAK DOWN AGAIN
8 EXACTLY HOW MUCH TIME IT IS TAKING THE NURSE TO DO EACH-- THE
9 NURSE, THE E.V.S., THE CUSTODIANS AND THEN DETERMINE HOW,
10 BASED UPON WHAT WE'RE DOING NOW, AT WHAT WE THINK IS MAXIMAL,
11 WHERE CAN WE SHAVE OFF TIME? WHERE CAN WE IMPROVE? AND THE
12 PLAN IS TO DO THAT AND TO DEVELOP AN ACTUAL MONITORING TOOL IN
13 ORDER TO GET THAT DOWN FROM FOUR TO SIX, WHICH IS BETTER THAN
14 WHAT IT WAS WHEN WE MOVED INTO THE FACILITY, EVEN DOWN FURTHER
15 TO AN AVERAGE OF THREE HOURS.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO TODAY ARE YOU UTILIZING AN OCCUPANCY RATE OR
18 UTILIZATION RATE?

19

20 **CAROL MEYER:** WE ARE USING BOTH. WE MEASURE BOTH.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH ARE YOU USING?

23



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1 **CAROL MEYER:** THE UTILIZATION IS 96 PERCENT IN THE MED-SURG
2 AREAS. THE UTILIZATION IS 86 PERCENT IN THE HOSPITAL OVERALL,
3 INCLUDING THE PSYCH BEDS.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK IT'S THE OTHER WHAT WAY AROUND. SO,
6 AGAIN, IN ORDER TO GET TO THE GOAL OF MAKING THIS HOSPITAL FIT
7 WITHIN ITS FRAMEWORK, YOU HAVE AN AWFUL LOT OF WORK TO DO.
8 BESIDES CONTRACTING OUT THOSE BEDS, BESIDES GETTING MORE
9 PATIENTS AT RANCHO, BESIDES TRANSFERRING, QUOTE "PAYING"
10 CUSTOMERS TO OTHER HOSPITALS, YOU HAVE AN ISSUE OF INDIGENT
11 TRANSFERS. AND I UNDERSTAND THERE'S NO PROBLEM WHEN ONCE YOU
12 STABILIZE. CONSENT IS NOT AN ISSUE, NEVER HAS BEEN. MIGHT GET
13 A COMPLAINT, BUT YOU CAN'T GET A LEGAL COMPLAINT. SO THAT
14 BARRIER IS GONE. SO THE OTHER ISSUE IS IN ORDER FOR THIS TO
15 MOVE QUICKER SO THAT WE ARE GOING TO FIT WITHIN THE HOSPITAL,
16 YOU NEED TO GET THE TWO TO THREE HOURS. SIX MONTHS FROM NOW IS
17 NOT GOING TO DO IT. IS THERE ANY WAY THAT THIS COULD BE
18 SHORTENED IN A TIMEFRAME THAT'S REASONABLE? BECAUSE WE WERE
19 SUPPOSED TO BE HERE A YEAR AGO BECAUSE THAT WAS THE
20 PRESENTATION THAT PETE DELGADO AND STEPHANIE HALL MADE TO THIS
21 BOARD.

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23 **CAROL MEYER:** I WILL GO BACK, SUPERVISOR, AND SEE IF WE CAN'T
24 SCRUB THAT DOWN.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU.

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DR. CLAVREUL?

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5 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
6 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I APPRECIATE ALL THE QUESTIONS YOU
7 ASKED, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, BUT ONE THING WHICH I AM SURPRISED
8 WAS NOT BROUGHT UP AT ALL, WAS TWO CITATIONS FOR MAJOR
9 MEDICATION MISTAKE AT U.C. COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER. YOU GOT
10 FINED FOR TWO PATIENTS WHO RECEIVED-- WERE KEPT AFTER SURGERY,
11 THEY REMAINED WITH SURGICAL SPONGE OR TOWEL AFTER THE SURGERY
12 AND THEY HAD TO BE GOING BACK TO THE O.R. FOR REPAIR. THOSE
13 ARE THE SAME MISTAKES WE HAD AT KING-DREW. I JUST WONDER HOW
14 MANY PEOPLE WHO WERE CASCADED FROM KING-DREW MEDICAL CENTER
15 ARE NOW WORKING IN AN O.R. AT U.S.C. COUNTING IS NOT A VERY
16 DIFFICULT THING. AND THE O.R. NURSE AND THE PHYSICIAN ARE NOT
17 FOLLOWING BASIC SURGICAL PROCEDURES. THAT'S PRETTY SAD. AND I
18 THINK THIS SHOULD NOT BE PART OF THE REPORT. THAT'S WHY I
19 WANTED TO LISTEN TO THE REPORT FIRST. IT'S TOO BAD THAT THE
20 PRESS HAS TO BE THE ONE WHO EDUCATES YOU ABOUT MAJOR SURGICAL
21 FAILURE. AND THOSE ARE TOO SEVERE, ONCE AGAIN. AND I AM VERY
22 CONCERNED BECAUSE WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT SOPHISTICATED
23 THINGS. I MEAN, IT IS NOT VERY DIFFICULT TO COUNT SPONGE AND
24 TOWEL IN SURGERY. IT'S JUST A DEDICATED EMPLOYEE WOULD DO
25 THEIR JOB AND FOLLOW PROTOCOLS. SO I HOPE THAT WE WILL PUT



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1 SOME ENERGY IN THAT EFFECT BECAUSE I'M VERY CONCERNED. I LOVE
2 THAT HOSPITAL AND I DON'T WANT TO BE CITED. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. OKAY. NO ACTION NEEDED ON
5 THAT PARTICULAR ITEM. OKAY. WE ALSO-- ITEM NO. 33 HAS BEEN
6 HELD BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. GAIL BRICE?

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8 **GAIL BRICE:** NEVER DONE THIS BEFORE.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** JUST STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD AND
11 YOU CAN BEGIN YOUR TESTIMONY.

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13 **GAIL BRICE:** MY NAME IS GAIL BRICE, AND I HAVE BEEN REQUESTED
14 TO ATTEND FOR THIS FROM EDDIE CUTTER WHO IS WITH CALIFORNIA
15 BUILDING EVALUATION AND CONSTRUCTION. HE WAS NOT ABLE TO COME
16 TODAY. AND I'M WITH ONE OF HIS SUBCONTRACTORS FOR THE PROJECT.
17 AND THEY ARE A WOMAN OWNED MINORITY SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE.
18 ITEM 33, THEIR BID WAS DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE FOR FAILURE TO
19 SUBMIT A PROPER BID SECURITY AND I JUST WANT TO EXPLAIN A
20 LITTLE BIT MORE WHAT HAPPENED. THEY ACTUALLY DID INCLUDE A BID
21 BOND BUT MIXED UP TWO BID BONDS. THEY HAD-- THEY WERE GOING TO
22 SUBMIT FOR A BID A COUPLE WEEKS EARLIER FOR MUCH LARGER BID
23 THAT ACTUALLY WAS PULLED. AND SO THEY HAD ONE BID BOND SITTING
24 IN THE BRIEFCASE AND ANOTHER BID BOND MIXED THEM UP, PUT THE
25 WRONG BID BOND IN THE BID PACKAGE. THE NEXT DAY, REALIZED THAT



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1 THE WRONG BID BOND HAD BEEN PUT IN, CALLED THE COUNTY, OFFERED
2 TO PROVIDE THE PROPER BID BOND, WAS TOLD THAT THEY COULD NOT
3 ACCEPT THIS. I DO HAVE A COPY OF THE BID BOND THAT THEY DID
4 SECURE THAT IS DATED THE DAY BEFORE WHEN THE BID WAS DUE THAT
5 DEMONSTRATES THAT THERE WAS A BID BOND SECURED, JUST THE WRONG
6 ONE. THEY WOULDN'T TAKE IT. NOW, IN RESPONSE, THERE WAS AN
7 ATTORNEY WAS HIRED, THEY LOOKED AT IT AND THOUGHT THAT THIS
8 MISTAKE WAS A CLERICAL ERROR, MINISTERIAL VERSUS MATERIAL. AND
9 THAT A LETTER WAS SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY ON JUNE 10TH. THEN
10 COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS CAME RIGHT BACK AND WROTE THAT THEY HAD NO
11 REASON TO THINK THAT IT WASN'T A CLERICAL ERROR BUT THAT THEY
12 WERE BOUND BY CALIFORNIA PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTION 21-29.
13 AND I LOOKED UP A COPY OF IT. WE COULDN'T AFFORD ANY MORE
14 ATTORNEYS, SO IT KIND OF FELL TO ME. THAT IN THE CODE IT SAYS
15 THAT ALL BIDS NEEDED TO INCLUDE CASH, ET CETERA, BUT THE
16 FOLLOWING, LAST ITEM, 4 IS: A BIDDER'S BOND EXECUTED BY A
17 [INAUDIBLE] SURETY INSURER MADE PAYABLE TO THE COUNTY. NOW THE
18 WRONG BID BOND, WHICH WAS THREE TIMES BIGGER THAN THE ONE THAT
19 WAS ACTUALLY NEEDED, MET THESE REQUIREMENTS BUT IT WAS FOR A
20 DIFFERENT PROJECT. BUT, AGAIN, BASED ON THAT, WE WERE TOLD
21 THAT THEY ARE NOT GOING TO ACCEPT OUR BID, SO IT'S GOING TO
22 COST THE COUNTY AN EXTRA \$10,000. AND ACTUALLY THERE HAVE BEEN
23 FOUR STORM WATER CONTRACTS THAT HAVE BEEN ISSUED THIS YEAR.
24 AND THE NUMBER TWO BIDDERS, WEST COAST STORM, HAS WON THREE
25 OUT OF FOUR OF THEM. AND BASED ON THE DOLLAR AMOUNT, THAT'S 90



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1 PERCENT. AND SO WE KNOW THAT WE DID A DUMB THING AND JUST
2 BECAUSE IT'S REALLY TOUGH TO GET WORK THESE DAYS THAT WE WERE
3 GOING TO SEE WHETHER OR NOT THERE WAS ANYTHING THAT COULD BE
4 DONE. THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL HAVE THE DEPARTMENT RESPOND, BUT
7 I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THE APPEAL PROCESS. IS THERE ANYONE HERE
8 FROM PUBLIC WORKS WHO CAN RESPOND, PLEASE? THERE'S USUALLY AN
9 APPEAL PROCESS. [INAUDIBLE]

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WAS THE BID THAT WAS SUBMITTED BY
12 MISTAKE LARGER OR LESS THAN WHAT WAS NEEDED?

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14 **GAIL BRICE:** THREE TIMES LARGER.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO WHY WOULD IT NOT--? I'M JUST CURIOUS.

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18 **COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, THE PROBLEM WITH THE BID BOND, THE BASIC
19 PROBLEM WAS THAT THE BID BOND IDENTIFIED A PROJECT OTHER THAN
20 THE PROJECT IN QUESTION FOR THE COUNTY. SO IF THE COUNTY
21 ACTUALLY NEEDED TO RELY ON THAT BID BOND, IF THE CONTRACTOR
22 CHOSE TO WALK AWAY FROM THE BID, WE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE
23 TO LEGALLY ENFORCE THAT BID BOND BECAUSE IT DID NOT RELATE TO
24 THE PROJECT IN QUESTION. IT WAS PRESUMABLY, I DON'T THINK THE
25 DEPARTMENT EVER BELIEVED THAT IT WAS, IN FACT, SOME SORT OF



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1 SCAM OR ANYTHING, THAT IT WAS PROBABLY AN HONEST MISTAKE. BUT
2 THE FACT IS A BID BOND IS REQUIRED SO THAT IF A CONTRACTOR
3 DOES WANT TO WALK AWAY FROM ITS OBLIGATIONS, THERE IS A VALID,
4 ENFORCEABLE BOND IN PLACE TO PROTECT THE COUNTY. AND THEN IN
5 THIS CASE, THAT WAS NOT--

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IS ANYTHING LIKE THIS APPEALABLE? WE'VE
8 HAD PROBLEMS IN THE PAST WITH PUBLIC WORKS APPEALS PROCESS. IS
9 THIS APPEALABLE?

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11 **COUNSEL:** WELL, THEY HAVE BROUGHT A PROTEST WITHIN PUBLIC
12 WORKS. THERE'S BEEN A PROTEST. IT'S BEEN EVALUATED. AND IT'S
13 BEEN REJECTED.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE'RE NOT GOING TO DEBATE THIS
16 PUBLICLY.

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18 **GAIL BRICE:** CAN I SAY ONE MORE THING? JUST THE ISSUE ABOUT
19 YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, IF THERE WASN'T ANY OTHER BID BOND
20 AND THE OTHER ONE HAD THE WRONG NAME ON IT BUT WE OFFERED THE
21 NEXT MORNING TO GIVE YOU THE PROPER ONE AND YOU WOULD HAVE HAD
22 THIS ONE AND IT WOULD HAVE PROTECTED THE COUNTY. SO THE COUNTY
23 WOULD HAVE BEEN PROTECTED.

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1 **COUNSEL:** AS TO THAT POINT, SUPERVISOR, THERE IS CASE LAW THAT
2 SAYS IF YOU GIVE A CONTRACTOR THE OPPORTUNITY ON A MATERIAL
3 ISSUE TO BACK OUT, IF WE COULD ALLOW THEM TO WAIT AND DECIDE
4 WHETHER THEY'RE GOING TO PROVIDE US THE ACTUAL BID BOND, THAT
5 GIVES THEM AN OPPORTUNITY, AT LEAST THEORETICALLY TO SAY
6 "WELL, WE'VE LEFT MONEY ON THE TABLE OR WE HAVE NOT, WE'RE
7 GOING TO GO FORWARD WITH OUR BID OR WE'RE NOT." THE COUNTY
8 DOES NOT HAVE A BID BOND IN HAND. THERE IS CASE LAW THAT SAYS
9 IF YOU GIVE A BIDDER THAT OPPORTUNITY ON A MATERIAL ISSUE,
10 THEN THAT'S NOT WITHIN YOUR DISCRETION TO DO.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE JUST WENT THROUGH A SIMILAR ISSUE
13 LIKE THIS AT THE SAN. DISTRICT WHERE SOMEBODY HAD SUBMITTED
14 THEIR OWN BID BOND AND IT COST THEM A JOB. OBVIOUSLY IT'S
15 CLERICAL. THERE WAS NO INTENT. I'M SURE LIKE YOURS THERE IS NO
16 INTENT. BUT CASE LAW IS CASE LAW. SO OTHER THAN-- I DON'T KNOW
17 WHAT THEY CAN DO NOW. THEY CAN SUE YOU GUYS, I GUESS, RIGHT?
18 BUT THAT'S NOT A GOOD DEAL IF THEY WANT YOUR BUSINESS. BUT THE
19 POINT IS YOU HAD A PROTEST IN AND THE PROTEST WAS DENIED, I
20 ASSUME.

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22 **COUNSEL:** RIGHT.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED
25 BY-- I HAVE THREE VOTES HERE? MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. THE



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1 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. I BELIEVE
2 THAT COVERS THE AGENDA. WE HAVE TWO PUBLIC COMMENTS, ONE IS
3 DELOREZ RAMOS AND ARNOLD SACHS.

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5 **DELOREZ RAMOS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS DELOREZ
6 RAMOS. FIRST I'D LIKE TO GIVE HONOR AND THANKS TO ALMIGHTY GOD
7 WHO, HAD HE NOT INTERVENED IN THE D.C.F.S. WHEN THEY TRIED TO
8 HAVE ME ARRESTED ON TRUMPED-UP CHARGES, THEY WERE LATER
9 DISMISSED BY A REAL JUDGE WHO KNEW WELL AWARE THAT HAD I BEEN
10 GUILTY OF THE BOGUS CHARGES REPORTED BY A ROGUE SANTA MONICA
11 COP NAVARRO, I WOULD HAVE BEEN BEATEN LIKE RODNEY KING.
12 BECAUSE IT'S TOO EASY TO STEREOTYPE A WOMAN OF MY CULTURE IT
13 HAS BEEN A WALK IN THE PARK FOR D.C.F.S. TO LIE AND LIE,
14 COMMIT PERJURY BECAUSE D.C.F.S. IS ACCOUNTABLE TO NO ONE. THE
15 LIES DESTROY FAMILIES, SEPARATE FAMILIES LIKE SLAVERY. THE
16 ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SLAVERY THEN VERSUS NOW IS TIME. WHEN
17 IT COMES TO D.C.F.S. I FEEL LIKE JOB FROM THE BIBLE BECAUSE I
18 STAND AGAINST THAT WHICH IS WRONG. D.C.F.S. AFFLICTIONS OF
19 LIES HAVE BEEN BESTOWED UPON ME JUST LIKE JOB WHO REFUSED TO
20 CURSE GOD AND DIE, I REFUSE TO GIVE UP ON MY CHILDREN WHO WERE
21 WRONGFULLY KIDNAPPED. TO LATASHA BRADLEY, O.P.C.C., I DON'T
22 WISH THIS 19-MONTH NIGHTMARE ON HER. JOCELYN _____ AND LARRY
23 BROWN, MARK WHITE, CATHERINE RITTER, ELIZABETH _____ AND
24 BARBARA BOYD, HELEN MAXWELL AND PATRICIA PLOEHN AND ANY AND
25 ALL OTHERS WHO ARE DELIBERATELY SEPARATING ME FROM MY CHILDREN



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1 WILL STAND BEFORE GOD. MY APPEALS ATTORNEY KATE _____ SAYS
2 SHE HAS NEVER IN HER CAREER AS AN ATTORNEY WITNESSED D.C.F.S.
3 GO AFTER A PARENT THE WAY THEY HAVE GONE AFTER ME. THE MORE I
4 FIGHT D.C.F.S., THE MORE THEY WILL AND HAVE RETALIATED AGAINST
5 ME. MY QUESTION, SUPERVISORS, HOW WOULD ANY OF YOU FEEL IF YOU
6 WERE IN MY SHOES? THE ONLY CRIME, YOUR ONLY CRIME WAS TO BE
7 POOR. YOU HAD NO CRIMINAL, NO DRUG, NO MENTAL, ALCOHOL
8 PROBLEM, BUT WERE DEEMED TO BE A DANGER TO YOUR CHILDREN.
9 INSTEAD OF HELPING, D.C.F.S. HURTS WHICH EXPLAINS WHY CHILDREN
10 EVENTUALLY END UP DYING IN THE SYSTEM. JOCELYN _____, JUDGE,
11 JURY AND PROSECUTOR, TOLD MY CHILDREN LAST WEEK I'M TOO POOR
12 TO HAVE THEM RETURN TO ME DUE TO RECESSION. AND WILL NEVER SEE
13 BEYOND GROUND ZERO BECAUSE JOCELYN DOESN'T TALK TO ME. SHE'S
14 ACCUSTOMED TO LYING. BUT I THANK GOD THAT THAT WHAT SHE
15 DOESN'T KNOW IS I'M AWAITING SECTION 8 AND I HAVE A STEADY
16 INCOME. SHE TOLD MY CHILDREN THAT I HATE D.C.F.S. THOSE ARE
17 HER WORDS, NOT MINE. I FEEL PITY FOR ANYONE WHO WHO WRONGS
18 ANOTHER, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN WITH NO REMORSE. D.C.F.S.,
19 THEY'RE FREE TO DISCRIMINATE, ABUSE AND HARM CHILDREN. AS LONG
20 AS IT'S D.C.F.S., IT'S OKAY. NO HARM, NO FOUL. AND I'M JUST
21 SAYING AGAIN D.C.F.S. NEEDS TO BE ACCOUNTABLE. AND THERE JUST
22 NEEDS TO BE SOME WAY WHERE THEY CAN STOP LYING ON PARENTS LIKE
23 ME. ALL I WANT IS MY CHILDREN. THERE'S NO RECORD OF ME ABUSING
24 THEM. BUT THEY JUST KEEP LYING TO THE COURTS. AND I'M TIRED OF
25 FIGHTING THE LIES.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SOMEONE FROM D.C.F.S. WILL TALK TO YOU
3 RIGHT THERE, PLEASE. MR. SACHS?

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5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
6 IT'S IRONIC THAT THE YOUNG LADY WOULD BRING UP D.C.F.S. I
7 MEANT LAST WEEK TO TALK ABOUT THIS ARTICLE. "CASELOADS FOR
8 SOCIAL WORKERS CALLED TOO HIGH." THIS WAS IN THE L.A. TIMES
9 FROM AUGUST 26TH. AND IT GOES ON TO STATE THAT THE C.E.O.
10 MENTIONED THAT IT WOULD COST \$180.5 MILLION TO HIRE THE
11 REQUIRED 1,695 D.C.F. CHILD WORKERS TO MAKE A CASELOAD RATIO
12 OF 15 CHILDREN PER ONE SOCIAL WORKER. AND I WAS A LITTLE BIT
13 SURPRISED BECAUSE NUMBERS WORK OUT TO A LITTLE BIT OVER
14 \$100,000 PER SOCIAL WORKER, WHICH SEEMS TO ME TO BE QUITE
15 HIGH. SO I'M KIND OF CURIOUS TO KNOW WHY THE NUMBERS ARE
16 BUDGETED SO HIGH. MAYBE THAT COULD BE A PROBLEM IN AND OF
17 ITSELF THAT THE CASELOAD RATIO IN L.A. IS A 22 TO 1 FOR JULY.
18 I THINK THAT SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED INTO HOW YOU COULD HAVE
19 STARTING SALARIES OVER \$100,000. BUT I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S
20 THE NORM OR NOT. IN ANOTHER MATTER, AND MAYBE THIS COULD BE
21 LOOKED INTO, WELL THERE'S ACTUALLY TWO. AT THIS PAST EXPO,
22 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY MEETING, IT WAS REPORTED BY THE C.E.O.
23 THAT BOTH SAN DIEGO AND SACRAMENTO TRANSIT AUTHORITIES
24 REVIEWED THE PLAN FOR EXPO THAT'S BEEN PUT OUT BY THE COUNTY
25 OF LOS ANGELES, THE M.T.A. AND I WAS JUST WONDERING IF THEY



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1 HAD REVIEWED THIS PLAN, WHAT THEIR SENTIMENTS WERE WHEN THEY
2 NOTICED THAT THE LIGHT RAIL LINE WAS RUNNING BY A JUNIOR HIGH
3 AND A HIGH SCHOOL WITHOUT ANY KIND OF GRADE SEPARATION. IF
4 THAT'S THE WAY THEY DO THEIR TRANSIT LINES IN SAN DIEGO AND
5 SACRAMENTO. WE NEVER DID GET AN ANSWER ON THAT AT THE EXPO
6 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY MEETING. AND SPEAKING OF THE M.T.A., IN
7 THEIR LATEST INFORMATION FLYER, THEY TALK ABOUT THE METRO BOX
8 DEVELOPMENT OF THE HIGH SPEED TRAIN. AND THEY GO ON TO DISCUSS
9 THAT CONSTRUCTION COULD BEGIN AS EARLY AS 2012 (LAUGHING) 2012
10 AND OPEN WITHIN 10 YEARS. THERE'S SOME PIE IN THE SKY OPTIMISM
11 RIGHT THERE. WE CAN'T GET A RAIL LINE COMPLETED IN 10, 15, 20
12 YEARS AND THEY EXPECT TO PUT DOWN THAT THE HIGH SPEED RAIL
13 AUTHORITY WILL HAVE CONSTRUCTION STARTING IN 2012 OPENING
14 WITHIN 10 YEARS. AND JUST VERY QUICKLY, THIS WRITER NEEDS TO
15 BE HIRED BY THE COUNTY. ACCORDING TO THIS FLIER PUT OUT, METRO
16 ANNOUNCED SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS. OUT OF THE 26 SERVICE
17 ENHANCEMENTS THAT ARE--

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CAN YOU WRAP UP. YOUR TIME IS UP.

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21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 13 ARE CUTS.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. I THINK THAT WE'LL
24 GO INTO CLOSED SESSION. BUT IT'S JUST COME TO MY ATTENTION AND
25 I'M NOT SURE THAT WE'VE DONE THIS IN THE PAST, BUT ALL



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1 MEMBERS, DICK VOLPERT'S MOTHER PASS AWAY? YOU DID IT. ALL
2 MEMBERS.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
5 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL MEET IN
6 CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS C.S.-1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
7 REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION AND ITEM NO. C.S.-2, CONFERENCE
8 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING INITIATION OF LITIGATION ONE CASE
9 AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1 REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

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5 No reportable action was taken on items CS-1 or CS-2.

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7 In open session items CS-3 and CS-4 were taken off calendar at
8 the request of the Chief Executive Officer.

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